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## 1971 CP Gifts Increase 7.32%

NASHVILLE (BP) — Contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget during 1971 exceeded 1970 gifts by 7.32 per cent, enough to meet the denomination's \$29.1 million operating budget and pay \$823,644 on capital needs for SBC agencies.

During 1971, Southern Baptists gave \$29,970,527 through their Cooperative Program unified budget, plus an additional \$23,791,181 in designated gifts to specific mission causes.

The grand total of \$53.7 million in mission contributions exceeded last year's \$50.2 million by more than \$3.5 million, or 7.03 per cent.

Despite the 7.32 per cent increase in Cooperative Program giving, the denomination fell short of its total budget needs by \$1.2 million, all of it in the capital needs section of the budget.

SBC leaders, however, said, they were encouraged by the response.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee which prepares the financial reports and distributes the mission gifts to SBC agencies, called the increase in giving over 1970 levels "good news for the new year."

"This 7.32 per cent increase, compared with a 1.79 per cent increase in 1970 over 1969, shows a response to the challenge of advance on the part of Southern Baptists which is most heartening," Routh said.

He added the "good news" would bring encouragement to home and foreign missionaries, seminary professors and students, and to other SBC program leaders who "seek to help the churches in their objective of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ."

John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC executive committee, observed that while other major Protestant denominations are facing decreases in financial giving, Southern Baptists should be encouraged as a denomination as they look to 1972.

Both Williams and Routh acknowl-

edged that while the total gifts were not sufficient to meet all the 1971 budget in the capital needs section, the contributions were sufficient to pay more on capital needs than they had anticipated earlier in the year.

Because 1970 Cooperative Program contributions increased only 1.79 per cent, the denomination was unable to pay \$932,937 on capital needs due in

1970, automatically adding that amount to the \$1,050,000 already budgeted for capital needs in 1971.

Routh said last year that in order to meet the total \$29.1 million operating budget plus the \$932,937 on capital needs due in 1970 and the \$1,050,000 in 1971 capital needs, Cooperative Program gifts for 1971 would have had to increase 11.89 per cent during 1971.

When the books closed Dec. 31, the actual increase was 7.32 per cent.

The \$29.9 million given in 1971 was short of the total budget by \$1,240,282, an amount which will automatically be added on to the 1972 budget.

The increase in 1971 contributions will actually reduce the 1972 budget, since the convention in St. Louis last June approved a 1972 budget based on projections which indicated the denomination would not be able to pay anything on the 1970 and 1971 capital needs.

The 1972 budget as approved by the convention calls for the same level on operating budgets as the 1971 budget, plus the \$932,937 capital needs for 1970, the \$1,050,000 in 1971 capital needs, and \$787,500 in 1972 capital needs. Since 1971 contributions paid \$823,644 on capital needs, the 1972 budget automatically will be reduced downward by that amount.

The budget for the nine-month period, January through September, 1972, would thus be as follows: \$21,860,162 for operating needs; \$109,282 for 1970 capital needs balance; \$1,050,000 for 1971 capital needs; and \$787,500 for 1972 capital needs.

Routh, in a letter to executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions and editors of their publications, wrote that the 7.32 per cent increase for 1971 could mean that all the 1970 and 1971 capital needs and a substantial part of the capital funds due in the first nine months of 1972 can be paid, "if Southern Baptists continue to give as God prospers them."

Routh expressed appreciation to every layman and woman, pastor, associational superintendent of missions, state secretary, editor and program leader for their roles in helping to increase the Cooperative Program gifts during the past year.

Williams attributed much of the year's increase to an "excellent" month of giving in December, 1971, with \$2,598,801 in Cooperative Program gifts during the month. The December 1971 contributions were larger than any previous December in SBC history, and increased 27.27 per cent over December 1970 gifts of \$2 million.

## Liberia Inaugurates Baptist Minister As New President

MONROVIA, Liberia (BP) — William R. Tolbert, an ordained Baptist minister and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, was inaugurated formally as the president of the Republic of Liberia.

The new president included in his hour-long inaugural address a prayer that the nation would be led "forever onward and upward." After the prayer, he prostrated himself for 15 seconds on the bright red carpet as a gesture of reverence.

He promised his countrymen a program of social improvement, self-discipline in government spending, and a new role for youth.

Tolbert, age 58, became president on the death of President William V. S. Tubman in July 1971. For 19 years prior to that, Tolbert had been vice president of the country.

After his first five months in office, Tolbert was praised by much of the world press for initiating reforms to help the masses of Liberia's population and to rid the government of corruption.

An Associated Press report by Larry Heinzerling from Monrovia said Tolbert's inauguration "promises a radical break from Liberia's autocratic past" and observed that the Baptist minister has "used the presidential pulpit to reshape the destiny

of Liberia's 1.6 million people with political finesse and action."

Tolbert has fired two of the "most hated officers" in the "once vigilant secret police" which has "disappeared from view," according to the AP account. He also has dismissed a cabinet undersecretary for "corruption" and abolished a forced patronage system requiring all government employees to donate one month's salary a year to the True Whig political party.

Seeking grass roots support, Tolbert recently tramped through ankle-deep mud to inspect living conditions in one of Monrovia's worst slums. He spent the night there because as he told residents, "I want you to know that I identify myself with you," according to the AP account.

Much of his political action stems from his religious convictions, according to friends in the Baptist World Alliance who know him well.

Tolbert was president of the Baptist World Alliance from 1965-70, and vice president of the alliance from 1960-65. He also has been pastor of two Baptist churches in Liberia, the Zion Praise congregation at Bensonville and the Mount Sinai Church in the Todee district. In addition, he was elected president of the Liberian Baptist Missionary and Education Convention in 1966, and still held the post when he became Liberia's president last July.

During his inauguration, the cere-

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Baptist men promoting "The Baptist Hour" radio broadcast. That is what Ben Connell, Baptist Men's Consultant of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, SBC, (left) and Paul Stevens, director of the SBC's Radio and TV Commission, (right) are planning. The first revised program will be aired January 23, Baptist Men's Day.

## Baptist Men's Day: Sunday, January 23

James Irwin, NASA astronaut and Baptist layman, and Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission, will headline "The Baptist Hour" radio broadcast, January 23, Baptist Men's Day.

The program will mark the beginning of a joint promotion effort by Southern Baptist men and the Radio and Television Commission. Directors of state Baptist Brotherhood departments and associational Brotherhood leaders seek stations to air "The Baptist Hour" in their areas as part of the promotion plan to increase the listening audience.

More than 1,000 inquiries about promoting the radio broadcast have been received already, officials of the

radio-TV agency reported. Participation in the promotion project is another way Baptist men can help share the Christian message, explained W. J. Isbell, director of the Baptist Men's Department of the Brotherhood Commission at Memphis, Tennessee.

Astronaut Irwin was aboard the Apollo 15 flight last August, leaving mementoes of his faith during his walk on the moon. He is an Air Force colonel and holds a degree in Naval Sciences from the US Naval Academy and a master of science degree in Aeronautical and Instrumental Engineering from the University of Michigan.

Stevens is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been

executive director of the Radio-TV Commission since 1953.

Preceding Stevens' 13-minute interview with Irwin, The Centurymen, 100-voice men's choir, will perform hymns and gospel songs.

"The Baptist Hour" is available free to stations for public service broadcast and is distributed bi-weekly from the Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth, Texas.

The 30-minute program began more than 30 years ago and is presently carried by about 450 radio stations, reaching 100,000 around the world weekly.

The purpose of the program is to provide a warm, thought-provoking devotional half-hour for people who can't — don't — attend church.

## National Meet On Church-State Set

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — The 24th National Conference on Church and State, meeting in Boston at the Sheraton, Boston, February 7 and 8, will feature addresses by Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. of North Carolina, the Rev. Michael Bourdeaux of London, who heads the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism, and Philip Watson of Los Angeles, president of the International Association of Assessing Officers.

Senator Ervin will speak on "The First Amendment Under Fire." The Rev. Bourdeaux will speak on "Religious Persecution in the Soviet Union

Today" and Mr. Watson will address himself to the topic, "The Growing Problem of Tax Exemptions."

The Conference will also hear a report from Dr. Martin A. Larson, research specialist for Americans United Research Foundation, who recently surveyed Catholic school closings in 16 communities. Dr. Larson will describe the effects of the closings on the community's educational program.

C. Stanley Lowell, editor of "CHURCH & STATE," who has just completed visits to Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines, will speak on the conference

theme "Church State Relations — A global Problem." Lowell is author or coauthor of five books dealing with church-state relations.

Edd Doerr, director of educational relations for Americans United, will discuss "The Voucher Plan — Blueprint for Disaster"; Dr. Melvin Adams, member of the Religious Liberty Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, will speak on "Religious Liberty Problems of Minorities."

James Luther Adams of Harvard Divinity School and Andover-Newton (Continued On Page 3)

## Delta Missions Conference to Utilize TV

Plans for the Central Delta World Missions Conference are in the final stages of preparation, according to an announcement by co-chairmen Rev. James F. Yates, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, and Owen Cooper.

Plans for the multi-associational activity are in two parts. The first part involves the extensive use of television in the Central-Delta. Eight associations representing Issaquena, Sharkey, Washington, Bolivar, Sunflower, Humphreys, Yazoo, Holmes and Carroll Counties have joined together in scheduling twenty TV broadcasts over Station WABG.

Greenwood, during the period February 13-20. About half of these programs will originate live from the studio and half will be selected films provided by the Radio and Television Commission.

Among the out-of-state leaders who will be appearing "live" in the studio will be Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Arthur Rutledge, secretary-treasurer, Home Mission Board; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the WMU, SBC; Dr. Paul Stevens, executive director, Radio and Television Commission; Dr. Glendon McCullough, secretary, Brotherhood Commission; Rev. Ervin Hasty, missionary to Mexico; Dr. Foy Rogers, Jackson, will present a TV program on the state mission work in Mississippi and Rev. Dick Brogan will present a program on work with National Baptists in the state.

The films provided by the Radio and Television Commission were se-

## Winter In Snowy Vermont

Traveling through the Vermont woods, the road, protected by a covered bridge, crosses a frozen creek. For the story of Home Mission Board pastor-director Robert Brindle who just spent his fourth Christmas in snowy South Burlington, Vt., see page 2.—(HMB Photo by Don Rutledge)

## National Bible Conferences To Feature Twenty Interpreters

NASHVILLE — An exposition on "The Philippian Exaltation" will be presented by A. Stuart Arnold during National Bible Conferences at Denver, March 27-30, and at Richmond, April 24-27.

Reared and trained for the Baptist ministry in England, Arnold served in pastorates there and as secretary of the young people's department for British Baptists. In his last pastorate in England, he established the first fully organized all-age Sunday School.

Having joined the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in 1968, Arnold is presently consultant in the extension activities section where his major responsibility is for the promotion of January Bible Study.

In addition to Arnold's presentation at each conference, 20 Bible interpreters will be featured. Each conference will offer nine different book expositions, six biblical studies on

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## Sunday School Board Gets New Zip Code

NASHVILLE (BP)—The United States Postal Service has issued a new, exclusive zip code to the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

It is believed to be the first time an individual zip code has been assigned to a Southern Baptist Convention agency.

The new zip code, 37234, was given to the board in order to insure quicker mail service, according to board officials.

## First In Area

## Communication Clinic Planned

Packed with exciting and innovative ideas and demonstrations, the first Creative Communication Clinic will be held in this area will focus on drama and electronics. Sponsored by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dan Hall, director, the clinic will start with a luncheon on Thursday, January 20. It will close with a supper at 5:30 p.m., January 21. Both meals will be served at the Baptist Building, on Fourth Floor.

All other day sessions will be held in the chapel at the Baptist Building.

and the evening session at First Church, Jackson.

Subjects and emphases of this first Creative Communication Clinic will include ideas and examples for using drama to support the preaching ministry; drama in sermons; demonstration of hymn interpretations; demonstration of a new music-drama evangelistic Revival: Ways Christian drama can witness; religious dramatic presentation on secular themes, and other dramatic presentations; recording procedures and equipment; sound systems for the sanctuary;

lighting for the sanctuary; special effects lighting, acoustics in the sanctuary; music in the electronic age; choral reading and "rap" session; TV and radio announcing and broadcasting; closed-circuit television; cassettes; multi-track recordings; audio recording; electronics in "outreach" intercom equipment.

The impressive group of program personalities include the following: Joy Morgan Davis, dramatist, Dallas, Texas; Sarah Walton Miller, playwright and dramatic coach, Houston.

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Tullos

Miller

Young

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## Communication Clinic Planned

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Texas; Gerald Claxton, professor of voice and opera, Mississippi College; Rev. Schuyler Batson, pastor, Immanuel Church, Alexandria, La.; Mark Tullos, church musician and associate director and talent coordinator, Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Inc., Alexandria, La.; Gordon Young, nationally known organist, conductor, composer, lecturer, Detroit, Michigan;

Marvin Bussy, Telephase Electronics Systems, Jackson; Kurt Kaiser, composer, conductor, vice president of Word Music Publishers, Waco, Texas; Howard Lett, news director, WJDX, Jackson; Rev. Robert A. Wall, director of church relations, Mississippi College; Dr. Larry Rohman, pastor, First, Jackson; Edna Holland, Professional Audio Services, Mark Custom Recordings, Meridian; Dennis Conniff, Jr., associate, Sunday School Department, MBCB; Charles Clark, Jackson manager, Baptist Book Store; Claude Townsend, of Townsend Piano Company, Jackson; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, MBCB; Charles Muller, music minister at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, is serving as coordinator.

Mrs. Joy Morgan Davis, native Mississippian, the daughter of Mrs. W. C. Morgan and the late Mr. Morgan (former director of the Church Music Department), will make two dramatic presentations, called "The Bible According to Broadway" and "The Saviour As Seen Through the Secular." In addition, with the use of slides, she will discuss ways drama can be used in witnessing. Mrs. Davis' dramatic presentations are very popular in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

On Thursday evening at 6:30 at First Baptist Church, Rev. Robert Wall will present "His Story," an audio-visual documentary of the life and ministry of Jesus, photographed on location in Israel. At 8:30 on the same evening, students from Louisiana College, along with Rev. Schuyler Batson and Mark Tullos, will offer a dramatic presentation, using drama, music, and testimony. This drama will be open to the public.

The clinic will be limited to the first fifty to pre-register. A \$10 advanced registration fee per person will cover two meals and a packet of materials. Send registration fee to the Church Music Department, Baptist Building, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

Following the clinic, a Choral Reading Workshop will be held at Calvary Church, Jackson, at 8 p.m., Friday night, January 21. The workshop will be led by Gordon Young, sponsored by American Guild of Organists and promoted by the Church Music Department. Each participant should send \$3 registration fee to Mrs. Clyde Bryan, Box 10684, Jackson, 39206.

RECIFE, Brazil—Two Baptist seminarians here recently conferred degrees on 38 graduates. Twenty-three students received bachelor degrees from the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, while the Seminary for Christian Educators (women's training school) awarded seven bachelor degrees and eight teaching certificates.



Members of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital for 1972, as well as others associated with the Board, include, standing, from left to right: W. R. Newman, former trustee and special advisor to the Board; Rev. Wayne Coleman, former trustee; T. Harvey Hedgepeth, former Board president and legal counsel; Dr. W. W. Causey; Rev. Vernon May; Paul G. Moak, Sidney Davis; Ray

Grillot; Rev. Joel Haire; Marvin Collum; E. O. Spencer; and H. B. Duckworth. Seated, from left to right: Zach Hederman, president of the Board; W. P. McMullan, Sr., vice-president; and Rev. James F. Yates, secretary. Not shown: J. W. Underwood, chairman of the executive committee; Dr. Swink Hicks, and John Yarbrough.

## Trustees Proceed With Plans For New Hospital

Zach T. Hederman has been re-elected president of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital for the calendar year 1972.

Re-elected with him are W. P. McMullan, Sr., vice-president; the Rev. James F. Yates, Yazoo City, secretary; and J. W. Underwood, chairman of the executive committee.

"We are proceeding with plans for the construction of a new 600-bed hospital—a project representing an in-

vestment of \$25,000,000. Bids will be let around the middle of 1972.

"Meanwhile, we are continuing to meet with representatives of the architectural firm of Ellerbe and Company, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Jackson firm of Barlow and Plunkett.

"Plans and specifications for the proposed new hospital are rapidly taking shape, and we are looking for-

ward to the implementation phase of a long planning period."

Paul J. Pryor, administrator of the hospital, expressed his appreciation to members of the board for "the tremendous amount of time and counsel they have given us this past year."

"The large building project ahead of us has necessitated many special meetings of the board, and these meetings will be numerous again in 1972. Board members have been wonderful in their response."

## High 25 Churches In Study Awards, Area 63

Mississippi's high 25 churches in Subject Area 63 (Bible Teaching Program), New Church Study Course, October-September, 1971, were as follows. (The name of the pastor or Sunday School director of each church is followed by the name of the association and the number of credits the church earned.)

Calvary, Jackson, Dr. Joe Tuten, (Hinds) 229; Byram, Jackson, Rev. Henry J. Bennett (Hinds) 210; Southside Jackson, Rev. S. W. Valentine (Hinds) 202; Second Avenue, Laurel, Dr. Joel C. Murphy (Jones) 195; First, Corinth, Rev. John M. Causey (Alcorn) 186; Calvary, Waynesboro, Rev. Jerry Henderson (Wayne) 168; Calvary, Greenwood, Rev. James L. Terpo (Leflore) 166;

First, Hazlehurst, Rev. George Meadows (Copiah) 166; Immanuel, Natchez, Rev. Ray Walters (Adams) 147; Calvary, Tupelo, Dr. Bob N. Ramsey (Lee) 137; Parkway, Natchez, Rev. Fred E. Robertson (Adams) 128; First, Waynesboro, Roy Taylor (Wayne) 127; Macedonia, Brookhaven, Rev. Emmerson Tedder, (Lincoln) 117;

First, Gautier, Rev. W. C. Burns

(Jackson) 112; West Gulfport, Rev. W. T. Miller (Gulf Coast) 111; Alta Woods, Jackson, Dr. Charles Myers (Hinds) 107; First, Batesville, Dr. Johnny Spencer (Panola) 107; Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian, Rev. Wilmer E. Baker (Lauderdale) 102; Ridgecrest, Jackson, Dr. Earl Kelly (Hinds) 97;

First, Louisville, Rev. Vernon May (Winston) 97; Harrisburg, Tupelo, Dr. Bob Hamblin (Lee) 90; First, Starkville, Dr. Dale Hoover (Oktibbeha) 90; Temple, Hattiesburg, Rev. Kermit McGregor (Lebanon) 83; Tylertown, Dr. Johnnie Brigrman (Walthall) 81; First, Greenville, Dr. Perry Claxton (Washington) 79.

## Brazilian Woman Brings Woman's Lib To Portugal

By Ione Gray

European Baptist Press Service LISBON, Portugal (BP)—A petite brunette from Brazil has invaded a man's world here, apparently unaware there is any such thing as woman's lib.

Miss Lucy Concealves Guimaraes, a Brazilian Baptist missionary to Portugal, has all the liberation she can use.

She teaches Hebrew and Greek at the Baptist seminary in Portugal, located in a Lisbon suburb.

Asked about her convictions regarding the ordination of women to the gospel ministry, she replied, eyes flashing, that she had found no need to be ordained. She quickly added,

however, that she would have no hesitancy should ordination become necessary in the work which she believes God has called her to do.

Without ordination, Miss Guimaraes preaches with as much fervor as any minister, though she calls it "speaking" rather than "preaching."

A noted "speaker," she recently gave the only inspirational address at the annual meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Portugal, and earlier this year was the "preacher" for two of the 36 churches involved in a nation-wide Baptist evangelistic crusade in Portugal.

Her arrival in Portugal early this year was the realization of a 22-year dream.

The oldest in a family of 12 children, Miss Guimaraes dropped out of school after the third grade. As a teenager, after hearing the gospel in an evangelistic service, she said she had an experience with the Lord "so authentic" that she went back to school to prepare herself for Christian work.

The education she almost missed became so important to her that she decided to become a missionary teacher. But she did not want to teach children.

After college, she enrolled in the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and became the second woman to receive the bachelor of divinity degree from the school. (Other women had received degrees in religious education and music.)

Then she taught Greek in a seminary in Rio before her appointment for service in Portugal by the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

Portugal has been a mission field of Brazilian Baptists since early in the 20th century although Miss Guimaraes is the first missionary to be appointed to Portugal for several years.

Though Portuguese Baptists and Brazilian Baptists share a common language and use the same church literature, Miss Guimaraes says there is more contrast than comparison be-

tween the people of the two countries.

The Portuguese people are reluctant to change, she observed. Thus Portugal lacks the pioneer spirit of the newer country in South America settled by the Portuguese.

The Baptists of Portugal, also, are not as dynamic as the Baptists of Brazil, observed Miss Guimaraes.

If dynamism is contagious, the students at the Portuguese Baptist seminary may help to change Miss Guimaraes' evaluation of the Portuguese people.

Her influence is felt in all areas of Portuguese Baptist life. The 36-year-old missionary is indeed convincing, even to the men, or to those who do not know her language.

SALZBURG, Austria—Forty persons are enrolled in the Salzburg Baptist Bible School which opened last October. Missionary director Bill Wagner is assisted by Austrian and German pastors on the faculty. Four young Austrians live at the school and help with audio-visuals, the Bible correspondence course, and with weekend revivals in Austrian and German churches. Sunday morning worship services at the school attract from 10 to 40 English-speaking people, most of whom are students living in the Salzburg area.

## Missionary-Pastor Sees Fourth Winter In Vermont



In winter the trees in New England look like a Currier and Ives print—branches hanging heavy with sparkling snow, hillside white with snow, and people bundled up in warm coats and brightly-colored scarves. (See cover photo.)

Christmas in Vermont is celebrated just like everywhere else in the nation, just with a lot more snow.

Southern Baptist pastor Robert Brindle spent his fourth Christmas in the snowy picturesque New England state. He is pastor of the South Burlington Baptist Church, the only Southern Baptist church in the state. The church's membership is nearly 140 with 40 families as regular attenders.

Most of the church attenders travel more than 30 miles to the church, which has a Wednesday night and two Sunday services. During the winter ice and snow makes it difficult for churchgoers to get to the church.

"Many of the members travel more than 35 miles regularly, and have to come across mountains and such," Brindle said. "In the winter many times with snow and all they are not able to get into church."

This Christmas the church celebrated the birth of Christ with caroling, a children's choir cantata, and other Christmas gatherings. Southern Baptist work in Vermont is a slow, building process, Brindle said. Brindle and Merwyn Borders are the only Southern Baptist home missionaries in the state. Borders serves as director for all the Vermont ministries.

"It is much like planting a colony," Brindle said. "The area here is 90% Roman Catholic. People stick very much to the old church."

"It's a slow process, but I believe we are making progress."

Before appointment for Vermont in 1967, Brindle was an associate missionary serving as pastor of Faith

Baptist Church in Glen Burnie, Md. Prior to his Maryland appointment by the Home Mission Board, he served pastorates in Midway and Stamping Ground, Ky.

A native of Henrietta, N. C., he is a graduate of Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

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monies began with a Sunday afternoon worship service at the historic Providence Baptist Church, established in 1821 by freed American slaves from South Carolina as they founded the new nation of Liberia.

Evangelist Billy Graham, also a Southern Baptist and a close personal friend of Tolbert's, led a service of thanksgiving and prayer at the church, saying Liberia may never become a military or economic super power, but praying that under its new leader, Liberia would become "a spiritual super power that will show nations of the world the way to peace and prosperity through the transformation of the human heart."

In addition to Graham, several Southern Baptist missionaries to Liberia, a Baptist pastor from New Orleans, and the secretary for Africa of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board attended the inauguration.

There are 39 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries serving in Liberia. Southern Baptists began missions work there in 1960. A SBC mission board official said that Tolbert was the primary instrument bringing the Baptist missionaries to Liberia.

H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, attended the inauguration. Goerner had been decorated and honored several years ago by President Tubman. G. Avery Lee, pastor of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, accompanied the Gram-

bling College band and choir to the inauguration.

After Tolbert took the oath of office from his brother, Senator Frank Tolbert, he bent down and kissed a large, well-worn family Bible. Thus he became the 19th president of Africa's oldest republic.

### Teach Malawians

MALAWI: Although their household in Blantyre bustled with the activities of two children and an undetermined number of dogs and fish, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles R. Middleton imported four California rabbits several months ago. The Middletons, Southern Baptist missionaries, did not import the rabbits for pets, however. Their object is to teach Malawians to raise and eat rabbits. Some Africans suffer protein deficiency, and the Middletons feel that rabbits could be a nutritional boon. In only four months, the Middletons' rabbits increased from four to 40. "If each family would keep only six of these rabbits," says Middleton, "they would have ample meat." A rabbits-for-protein project run by missionaries has already met with some success in Rhodesia.

### Caters To Football-Loving Americans

The American Bible Society catered to the football-loving Midwesterners this fall when it published the "Big Ten" edition of its own best selling "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version, with the seals of the Midwestern colleges that comprise the Big Ten Conference on the cover.

Indiana University, one of the 10 schools, was the scene of a pilot distribution project. Twenty thousand copies of the paperback New Testament were snatched up by students in residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses soon after they were published in October.

Members of the Campus Crusade for Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship served on the planning committee.



Thursday, January 13, 1972

# Church Growth In Northern Australia

By C. Ronald Goulding  
Associate Secretary  
Baptist World Alliance

Darwin in Northern Territory is the gateway to Australia and one of the rapidly growing areas in the continent. We arrived at the 'gate' at 10 o'clock in the morning to be met by hospitality and kindness that seems to typify Baptists in Australia.

It was surprising to find a temperature of 92 degrees with high humidity. Life there is geared to sub-tropical temperatures and the electric fans in the bedrooms and living rooms and shorts and bush shirts as the order of the day make life more than bearable.

From a Baptist viewpoint Darwin is the scene of an epic in church growth and development. Seven years ago the few Baptists living in Darwin found fellowship with other communions. Then the Home Mission Board of the Australian Baptist Union sent Lloyd Kent to pioneer Baptist work there. Future events have proved that they had sent the right man.

Kent found employment in a government office, and some feared that this would leave too little time for him to pioneer the work. It proved the opposite for his employment brought him into contact with people and agencies which were soon to prove their usefulness in the development of the work. The story is one of faith, courage and initiative, coupled with what appears to be untiring energy.

On Sunday morning we were invited to participate in the service at the First Baptist Church in Darwin. A full time minister completely supported by the church, Leon Buckland, conducted the service. This was a new experience because it was a baptismal service to be held in the open air. When the church was built five years ago it was decided that Believers' Baptism should be a public witness and the baptismal pool is beautifully situated at the side of the church and fronting on to the main highway. Weather conditions pose no problem here and on that Sunday morning with a hot sun in a cloudless blue sky, with the pastor in shorts

and shirt and a large and reverent congregation surrounding the pool, one was reminded of what must be a regular scene on the mission field of the world but far from the usual in England and Europe.

From the beginning, Lloyd Kent emphasized that the church has a responsibility to fulfill its ministry not on the edge but in the midst of society. Because of the speed in which Darwin is developing many young men and women are coming to the town to work and as in all these rapidly developing areas accommodation is a problem. Lloyd Kent believes that for the Christian every problem has its answer and today near by the church, but not attached to it, there stands the Baptist Youth Hostel where 180 young people from "way out of town" can live. A few are students, most are working in the town, aboriginals and "European Australian" equally together. Kent soon found it necessary to leave his work and devote himself full time as Warden of the hostel and superintendent of Baptist work in the area.

Apart from the hostel development a series of "units" or ground floor apartments for elderly people have been built and more units are planned.

We were taken to see a site on a

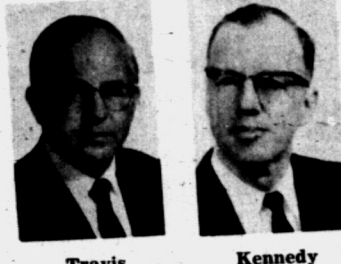
hill overlooking the town and harbour described as "one of the best sites in town" covering an area of four acres. This has been set aside by the town authorities for the Baptists for the purpose of building a Geriatric Hospital with a staff of 40 beds. It is not certain when this further enterprise will be started but plans are already made.

A second Baptist church in the newly developing area of Casuarina has already been built and Mr. and Mrs. Kent are ministering to the rapidly growing congregation in that area. Apart from the home responsibilities with two sons Mrs. Kent teaches a Bible class at the aborigine settlement in Darwin and another in the Casuarina Church. She also manages the Baptist book store, travel agency and typewriting and copying service which has become part of the hostel.

Many would think and indeed some far from Darwin do think that enough has been established for the time being and now there should be a time of consolidation. But "without a vision the people perish" and now the plans are drawn for the "Carey Seminary" to be built to provide education in the arts and sciences as well as theological for aborigine and "European Australian" alike. Why "Carey Seminary"? I asked in all innocence. "Why," said Lloyd Kent, "because it was Carey who said 'Attempt great things for God - expect great things from God.' I felt that William Carey would have approved the use of his name in the project."

I have written much of the pioneer work done by the Lloyd Kents but they have been enthusiastically supported by deacons and church members who not only shared the vision but were practical men who delighted in using their abilities and skills to the glory of God. For instance, we were due to share in a barbecue buffalo steak at the church in Saturday evening. It could not commence until 8:30 because for many past weeks on Saturday afternoons Leon Buckland and his deacons had been going 70 miles to Adelaide River, there to build a church with their own hands.

Behind all this faith, courage and initiative there stands the supporting hand of the Australian Baptist Union Home Mission Board whose decision first invited the Lloyd Kents to "go to the Northern Territory" and whose ready support has helped the vision to become the facts of today.



Travis Kennedy

## One Day Bible Conferences: Final Series

Dr. James Travis, Department of Bible, Blue Mountain College, will join the Bible expositors previously announced for the concluding series of One Day Bible Conferences on "The Biblical Basis of Christian Action" according to an announcement by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, who is sponsoring the series.

The next conference will be held January 17 at First Church, Brookhaven, with Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, Professor, Old Testament and Hebrew, New Orleans Seminary, joining with Dr. W. W. Stevens, Chairman, Division of Religion, Mississippi College, and Dr. Joe H. Tuten, Pastor, Calvary Church, Jackson, as resource persons.

Dr. Donald Ackland, retired, former editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will join the team at First Church, Louisville, on January 24; First Church, Grenada, January 25; and Blue Mountain College, January 27.

The sessions began at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:40 p.m.

**TOKYO** — A strategy study committee of the Japan Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) has adopted a detailed study of long-range planning procedures presented to the committee by W. L. Howse, retired Baptist Sunday School Board executive. Howse is on a special assignment of the SBC Foreign Mission Board as consultant to several missions in Asia for their long-range planning and strategy.

## Hungary's Baptists Mark 125th Year

**ZURICH (RNS)** — Hungarian Baptists celebrated 125 years of modern Baptist witness in Hungary during ceremonies here.

A Budapest rally held in the largest Baptist church in Hungary, featured special music, poetry read by young people and an address by Janos Laczkovszki, president of the Hungarian Baptists.



FMB photo by Fon H. Scofield, Jr. COMMITTED TO TEACHING A FEW AT ONCE. In the secular culture much of the world knows today, people don't gather in great numbers to hear the Gospel. Not usually. But missionaries who are prepared to seize every opportunity find their work with small groups unending. Southern Baptist missionaries can engage in such a ministry because the Cooperative Program of all Southern Baptists enables them to be where they are. (Missionary John D. Smith with students, Baptist Student Center, Jogjakarta, Indonesia)

## New Administrative Center Planned For Georgia Baptists

ATLANTA (BP)—Georgia Baptists will soon have a new Baptist Administrative Center located on Atlanta Baptist College property in Northeast Atlanta.

The Georgia Baptist Convention Executive Committee voted to buy 25 acres of land from Atlanta Baptist College upon which to build the long-discussed new headquarters building for the state convention.

Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary of the convention, said "I would guess that the new Baptist Administrative Center will cost about \$2.5 million, based on what I have seen of other state convention offices built in recent years. But that is strictly a guess."

The Executive Committee authorized architects to draw plans for the new building, with final approval for construction and financing to come after drawings and bids are completed.

Garrison explained that an Atlanta developer has offered a long-term lease for the present Baptist Building property in downtown Atlanta. The 99-year lease would net the convention about \$20 million.

That revenue, plus funds already on hand for a new Baptist Building, would finance the proposed new construction, Garrison said.

In other actions, the Georgia Baptist Executive Committee approved a record state mission budget for 1972 of \$1,221,004. Largest item in the budget is \$274,626 for student work at Georgia colleges and universities.



## Winners At The State Youth Choral Festival

At the recent State Youth Choral Festival, winners of the four top places were: First Place — First Church, Hattiesburg, James Hayes, director (top photo); Second Place — First Church, Greenville, Kenneth Forbus, director (center photo); Third Place — First Church, Kosciusko, Derrell Billingsley, director (bottom photo); Fourth Place — First, Pontotoc, Girl's Ensemble, Mrs. Levon Moore, director (picture not available). Judges included Dr. Donald Winters, Dr. Jack Lyall, Buddy McElroy, and Dr. Stan Richison, deans of the Schools of Music of the four state Baptist colleges. Each winner sang for the Youth Convention. The Festival was sponsored by the Church Music Department, Dan C. Hall, director.

## In Ethiopia

# Handcraft School Features Rug Weaving

By Lauralee Lindholm, Missionary

Rug weaving, to the tune of ancient church chants, is part of a Baptist mission effort in the Ethiopian highlands.

In 1967 Southern Baptists were invited to work in central Ethiopia on condition that they sponsor a community development program. A key element of this program is a handcraft school at Tsai-Tsina in the Menz district, opened in August 1970 by my husband, Ray.

During our last furlough Ray studied Navajo rug weaving in New Mexico in anticipation of his work here, so he has been able to add some new techniques to traditional skills.

The thick pile rugs are much sought after by visitors to Ethiopia. They are made of hand-spun sheep's wool, which is abundant here, and the designs are done in natural shades of white, brown and black. William O. Hall, U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia, visited our school and bought our first rug.

At present there are 12 students in the handcraft school, two of whom are priests in the Orthodox Church of Ethiopia, and the rest deacons studying for the priesthood. They enjoy weaving, and as the work proceeds they sing their oriental-sounding church chants.

The men participate eagerly in our

daily study of the Bible, which they believe in principle but know little about.

Knitting with coarse hand-spun yarn is a skill I introduced at the school. Local women first learn how to make simple hats, mittens and slippers, then progress to more complicated items such as sweaters. The sweaters are a bit scratchy, but because they can be made for about 40 cents each they are much in demand. Since none of the women has been to school, I must teach many of them to count so they can knit.

Carpentry is the next craft Ray plans to add, perhaps to be followed by pottery and basketry. Our hope is to keep the country people content in the country with an improved standard of living.

Menz is an area about 200 miles north of the capital city, Addis Ababa. Located at the top of the continental divide between the Rift Valley and the Blue Nile Gorge, it is generally quite cool. The road from Addis is very bad, so four-wheel-drive vehicles are a necessity. Car repair is a missionary duty that takes high priority, although we begrudge the time that must be spent in this way.

We have daily contact with our headquarters in Addis by shortwave radio, and our real lifeline during the rainy season is the Missionary Aviation Fellowship plane.

A weather station has been set up near the school, and Ray reads the instruments four times daily. The government uses the information primarily for agricultural work and indirectly for weather forecasting and local aviation.

Contrary to all predictions, we have been warmly received, and we have made many friends. We are able to hold a Bible study in our home on Sunday afternoons, a time chosen so as not to conflict with local Orthodox Church services.

All teaching has to be done in Amharic, the national language of Ethiopia, and we feel most limited when trying to explain concepts of the Bible. We completed nine months of language study, but we have a long way to go to sound like nationals.

Our prayer is that Jesus can speak through our lives and give the message of His boundless love in spite of our tongues of clay.

## National Meet

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Theological School, has the topic, "The Voluntary Principle — Genius of America."

Primary Binns, public relations director of Americans United, will report on "The Government Prayer Amendment." There will also be panels and periods of group discussion.

The Americans United annual religious liberty citations will be awarded to Augusta Finkelstein of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and Dr. J. Edwin Hewlett of St. Louis, Missouri. The citations are awarded "for distinguished service to the cause of religious liberty and the separation of church and state."



IN THE NEW handcraft school established by Baptist missionaries at Tsai-Tsina, Ethiopia, missionary Ray Lindholm helps some of the priest-students weave rugs from local wool. (Photo by Garland M. Threlkeld)

## Delta Missions Conference

(Continued from page 1)  
Carl Dunaway, Sharkey — Issaquena Association, Rev. James Metts, Jr., Sunflower Association; Rev. J. D. James Yates, convener.

WABG-TV Greenwood-Greenville, has set up the following schedule for week of Central Delta World Missions Conference:

Day	Date	Time
Sun	2/13	11:00-12:00 Noon 10:15-10:45 PM
Mon	2/14	4:00-4:30 PM 6:30-7:00 PM
Tues	2/15	7:30-8:00 AM
Wed	2/16	11:30-12:00 Noon 8:00-8:30 AM 4:00-4:30 PM 6:30-7:00 PM 9:30-10:00 PM
Thurs	2/17	7:30-8:00 AM 11:30-12:00 Noon 4:00-4:30 PM 10:30-11:00 PM
Fri	2/18	8:00-8:30 AM 7:00-7:30 PM 8:30-9:00 PM 10:30-11:00 PM
Sat	2/19	7:00-7:30 PM 8:00-8:30 AM
Sun	2/20	11:00-12:00 Noon 12:00-12:30 PM

**Personnel And Films Involved In Program**  
Dr. Arthur Rutledge (Home Mission Board)  
"Remembrance" (Joe Ann Shelton and Paul Stevens) (film)  
Dr. Jesse Fletcher (Foreign Mission Board)  
Dr. Arthur Rutledge (Home Mission Board)  
"Directions" (Stevens-Muggeridge Conversation) (film)  
"The Boat That Rocked the Family" (film)  
"Anniversary" (film)  
Dick Brogan (National Baptists)  
Mrs. R. L. (Marie) Mathis (WMU)  
Dr. Glendon McCullough (Brotherhood Comm.)  
"Freedom Bound" (film)  
"The Woman Who Played God" (film)  
"This Above All Else" (film)  
"The Youth Drug Scene" (film)  
"Freedom Bound" (film)  
Dr. Foy Rogers  
Dr. Paul Stevens (Video)  
"Are You Chicken?" (film)  
Dr. Baker J. Cauthen (Foreign Mission Board)  
Dr. Porter Routh (film)  
Dr. Baker J. Cauthen (Foreign Mission Board)  
Dr. Ervin Hasteley (Video)



# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### Year Of The Sunday School

For Southern Baptist churches every year well could be designated as the "Year of the Sunday School," but for Mississippi Baptists the year 1972 has a special meaning in this area. This is the year which Mississippi Baptists have designated as the time when they will seek to enlarge every Sunday school, and thus prepare for making 1973 the greatest year of evangelism the state ever has known.

The 1972 program includes Sunday school enlargement and improvement. While it is being promoted from the state convention offices, with the entire staff dedicated to active participation, and, while it has the support of the Associational Superintendents of Missions, this is a program which can succeed only as it is entered into wholeheartedly by the churches.

Plans call for a community survey in August, an enlargement program in September, and a training program in October. The survey should find all of the prospects, the enlargement plans should provide organization and space

for them, and the training should prepare workers to give the finest ministry to them.

We do not know of anything the convention ever has projected which should receive more hearty participation and support by every pastor, every church and every individual member, than this program should have.

Its whole purpose is to reach more of the hundreds of thousands of persons in the state which are not at present being reached study of the Word of God or for Christ. Churches must plan, and prepare, and work, if these people are to be reached.

Your association is in this program. It is important that your church begin NOW to plan full participation. Only in that way can you expect to reap the rich harvest which this program will bring to participating churches. Check with your Associational Superintendent of Missions or with the associational Sunday school leadership or write to the Sunday School Department in Jackson, to learn how your church can have a part.



### YEAR OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

### "Churchgoing" In The U. S.

"Churchgoing in the U.S. in 1971 continued a 13 year downward trend, with 40% of adults of all faiths attending their place of worship in a typical week."

This statement is from a report released last Sunday by the Gallup Poll. The 40% in 1971 compares with 42% in the previous year and 49% in 1955. The trend has been steadily downward since 1955, save for one year, 1967, when there was a one point percentage increase over the previous year.

The situation actually is even worse for "Protestants" for their record of attendance in 1971 was only 37%. Roman Catholics showed 57% and Jews 19%. The greatest drop in the past five years has been Roman Catholic. Protestants and Jews have remained fairly steady during that time.

The report does not give a breakdown on various sections of the country, nor does it show the difference between those denominational groups which are conservative and those which would be classified as more liberal.

We would hope that the next time the Gallup people make such a survey, that they do show the trends according to sections of the country, and also between the varied theological positions. It is possible that attendance in the

South might be slightly higher than in some other sections, and that the conservatives would have a better record of church loyalty than the liberals.

Southern Baptists have not escaped the decline in enrollment in the organizations such as the Sunday school, and we expect that this in itself would indicate some loss in attendance at worship services. Organizational enrollment losses, have been common among most denominations, except the ultra-conservative groups, and many denominations have even shown losses in financial support. Thus far, Southern Baptists have escaped that, although the rate of financial growth evidently has slowed.

This report, along with others which have shown decline in support of the church, should cause leaders, pastors and all church members, to pause and give very serious thinking and prayer to what is happening, and what can be done to change it. We do not believe that our Lord wants the churches to decline in their influence, but evidently it is happening.

Whatever else these reports may mean, they do reveal the need for a mighty spiritual revival to sweep our nation and the churches. Perhaps there is nothing more important for us to pray and work for right now.

### Make Your Will Month

Last week the Baptist Record carried stories from the Baptist Foundation giving emphasis to the fact that January is "Make Your Will Month."

We want to underscore that emphasis by once again calling it to your attention. If you did not do so, why not turn back now to last week's issue and read the article by the Foundation Secretary, Rev. Carey Cox.

Do you have a will? Is your will up to date?

If you do not have a will what will happen to your property, and to your family if you die tonight? or this year?

Many of those who read these lines may die this year, for thousands of Mississippians will come to the end of life's path, before another year arrives.

If you have a will when you die, you protect your family, and your property is distributed as you want it to be. If

you neglect to make a will, then state law will take over, and others will decide how your possessions will be divided. Moreover, those dear to you may experience long and costly waits for your affairs to be settled.

You can avoid these unfavorable things simply by making a will and keeping it up to date. Your attorney will draw up your will at a reasonable cost, or if you would like to have the assistance of the Baptist Foundation that is available.

While you are making your will, you may want to leave some of your property to Baptist or other, Christian causes. In that manner your witness for Christ will live on long after you are gone. The Foundation can be of special help if you desire to so leave some of your possessions. Why not contact Mr. Cox today? But, whatever you do, please do not wait even another day to start the process of making a will.

### On The MORAL SCENE...

Washington—After falling or leveling off for half a century, death rates for most American men rose in the late 1960's—dramatically so for younger whites and for non-whites of almost all ages. For example, according to a special federal study, the death rate jumped 21% among whites aged 15 to 19 in 1968, compared with the rate among those in that age group five years earlier. Among nonwhites at the same ages, the increase between 1963 and 1968 was 35%. The federal study disclosed these increases even though war combat deaths were excluded. Aside from broad social significance, the findings of the federal report could have important specific bearing on medicine, insurance, Social Security and population estimates. In addition to the death rate among most men, the findings showed that death rates among most women are much lower and are growing far more slowly—or not growing at all. The result is a growing female majority in the population. The principal explanations for the increase for men between 1963 and 1968 vary by age. Among younger men, there were sharp rises in violent deaths, notably auto accidents. But there also were striking increases in deaths from suicide, other accidents, and—especially among nonwhites—murder. Life expectancy

### NEWEST BOOKS

**THIS IS THE WORK OF GOD** by W. Otis Seal (Published by the author, 3905 Eighth St., Meridian, Miss. 39301, 100 pp., \$1.50) The author is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Meridian. The book contains nine of his sermons which are messages out of the regular preaching program of the pastor. He speaks to the lost and he speaks to the saved. There are calls of warning and there are words of comfort. Each message is based upon a



passage of scripture, the outlining is clear, and the application is practical. In the last three chapters the author presents a poem on a young man going away to war, a letter to his mother from a man who had been condemned to die, and the last letter ever written by the son of Dr. J. D. Franks, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Columbus. This letter was written to his father shortly before the young man lost his life in aerial combat during World War II. In his preaching Brother Seal makes wide use of alliteration so that his outlining is clear and the messages very readable. One feels the heartbeat of a busy pastor and dedicated preacher as he reads these pages.

**EXPOSITORY SERMONS ON THE BOOK OF DANIEL** Volume 3 (Chapters 4-6) by W. A. Criswell (London, 189 pp.) Here is the eagerly awaited Volume 3 of Dr. Criswell's sermons on Daniel. The messages were preached in First Baptist Church, Dallas and the entire series probably will contain four or five volumes. Few scholars among Southern Baptists dig as deeply to find scriptural truth as does Dr. Criswell. He believes that the Bible is the word of God and that it is divinely inspired. He rejects the theory which makes Daniel a forgery, a theory held by many liberal scholars. Here are sermons on some of the great events at the heart of the book, and as one reads these pages, the book of Daniel seems to come alive. If you have doubts as to the authenticity of the book of Daniel let me urge you to buy the first two volumes and this one and then to join with others of us in eagerly awaiting the completion of the set. No book in the Bible has a clearer message for our day or prophecy which has so much meaning for this very hour than Daniel. Like all of Dr. Criswell's other books this one is rich in history, clear in its interpretation of the scripture and direct in its application of the message to the hearer. We recommend the series to every serious Bible student.

**PASTORAL WORK** by Andrew W. Blackwood (Baker, paper 252 pp., \$2.95) Paperback reprint of a popular book of several years ago on the various phases of the pastor's work. The book is one of the series of source-books for ministers and certainly this is one which is important for every pastor to read. It will open to him new door of opportunity and will make him see places where he has neglected.

**THE BIBLE AND PASTORAL CARE** by Wayne E. Oates (Baker, 127 pp., \$2.45) Another Baker reprint in the series of source-books for ministers. Dr. Wayne Oates of Southern Seminary is one of the outstanding men in today's world in the field of pastoral counseling. This book deals with the Bible in this ministry. We think it will be an important addition to any pastor's library.

**GOLDEN HOURS IN THE BIBLE** by Dan Vestal (King, 240 pp., \$5.95) Dan Vestal for white men in 1968 was 67.5, virtually unchanged from 1960. But for black men, it was 60.1—a full year less than in 1960. (By Jack Rosenthal, The New York Times News Service, 11-22-71) Because the airlines need every possible cent of profit during their current cash squeeze, and because the two-drink limit on domestic flights was hard to enforce, that prohibition has been quietly dropped. Now an air traveler can order as many drinks as he wants, within reason. On each \$1.50 drink of roughly 1 1/2 oz., the lines make about \$1 in profit. (Time magazine, 11-29-71)

of Fort Worth is a Baptist evangelist. This is a book of materials he has collected in his 25 years as an evangelist. First, there are brief chapters presenting different views of the Bible. This is followed by a section which looks at choice words, familiar passages, historical highlights and golden hours in the Bible. The next section gives a scriptural presentation of dynamic doctrines. A final section is a section of things the Bible does as it speaks to men, gives answers to men's questions, and teaches them. All of the sections are collations of scripture passages. There are other unusual features concerning the Bible and its message, and the book should be especially valuable to the person who is not too familiar with the Bible and needs something to help him discover some of its glorious truths.

**JESUS OF NAZARETH** by Carl F. H. Henry (Eerdmans, 277 pp., \$5.95) This book was published in 1966 but somehow has just come to our attention. Dr. Henry, who is one of American Conservatives most respected scholars, has compiled sixteen essays on various theological questions related to Jesus Christ. The writers are highly respected, conservative scholars and the positions taken point to the authenticity of the New Testament message concerning Christ and the reliability of the conservative interpretation. This is a scholarly book, but it is one of outstanding value to the serious Bible student.

**THE SUICIDE OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY** by John Warwick Montgomery (Bethany Fellowship, 528 pp., \$7.95) One of today's most respected conservative theologians deals with the current theological situation. The book is made up of articles which have appeared in Christianity Today and numerous other publications over the past two or three years. It is divided into three major sections as follows: 1. Reacting, 2. Reporting and Reviewing, 3. Reconstructing. The book opens with a thirty page discussion on "The Suicide of Christian Theology and a Modest Proposal for its Resurrection." In this the author shows how that modern theological positions are actually destroying the very basis for a Christian theology and thus are committing suicide. He offers a solution of a return to the divine Christ of history and the acceptance of the scriptures as a divine revelation. In the first section of the book are articles on Bishop Pike, the new morality, LSD, a long section on "The Death of God," theological education today, and the decline of the churches. Section two contains reports on various theological events and reviews of several books. Section three deals with such issues as Biblical authority, politics and religion, wisdom, love and law and other materials. The writer is incisive and cuts with a sharp sword his comprehension of the whole theological field is amazing. His ability to defend the truth against liberalism is encouraging. While the book deals with a very deep subject it is so-written that persons with a limited knowledge of theology will fully understand and find most helpful enlightenment on the present day situations.

**THE GOLDEN LADDER OF STEWARDSHIP** by Leila T. Ammerman, (Baker, 66 pp., \$1.50, paper) Resource material on stewardship, including poems, anecdotes, and Scripture selections from Old and New Testaments. The author maintains that true stewardship is like climbing a ladder—when one rung is attained, a higher one beckons.

### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Reader Praises

#### Christmas Issue

Editor Joe T. Odle: I feel an urge to write and tell you how much I enjoyed the Baptist Record of December 23, 1971. I commend you and co-workers for the excellent job you are doing. The editorial was very inspiring, as well as contributions by individuals.

The story by June P. Carter was a satisfying one, strengthening one's faith in human ability to love and give. In these times of dishonesty, greed and selfishness this chain reaction story of good will spread



### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

If you are a fairly regular reader of this column, you're aware that I have moved into a new vocation (well, sort of new) as well as into a new location in 1971. James has been an evangelism, the full-time kind (boy, do I mean full-time!), since July 1 and we have lived in Jackson since then.

It has been a happy experience for all of us, and one of the happiest experiences for me has been finding out the interest so many of you have in our family and its doings. Every time James has come home from a revival he has brought me greetings from readers and has told of people who've said, "Tell Wilda to bring us up to date on the family," or "She hasn't mentioned the boys lately."

So, as a point of personal privilege, I'll do so, for you who wish to know, and I'll excuse without a single hard look those of you who do not wish to know.

The truth of the matter is that I have waited to write this long enough to be sure whether we were all going to be seaworthy sailors in this new boat—I believe six months is long enough.

Bobby is a freshman at Mississippi College, being the happy recipient of a full tuition Presidential Scholarship. His church membership is here at Broadmoor, and we have been glad about getting to see him on Wednesday nights and Sundays—as well as occasionally in between, like when he runs out of clean clothes. He is guitarist for the Naturals at M. C., takes voice from Dr. Lyall, and has a part time job teaching guitar. So far as the way he feels about M. C., he said before the Christmas holidays ended, with a wry grin, "I'm about homesick." And that is good.

Then there's Frank. He is a junior at Clinton High School. He won, by audition, a tenor place in the Notations, Broadmoor's ten-vocal group. He enjoys playing on one of Broadmoor's basketball teams and has had a good season, so far (including one mild concussion Christmas Eve day in a tournament). He is doing well scholastically, too, even in English, which I teach him, and looks forward to the beginning of baseball season.

The third born, Jim, thinks he couldn't find a better set-up anywhere else in the world, and I'm not sure he'd swap it for heaven. He feels the people in his school (Clinton Junior High) are tops; he places the people in his church in the same category. Being in walking distance of Broadmoor's recreation building is better than chocolate ice cream.

The head of the house—James, to be sure—is delighted with his work, though neither he nor I have quite adjusted to his being away so much. I guess if we adjust too well to that we're in trouble. I just may have to sneak in a prayer that the Lord not bless him quite good so far as work is concerned. Not really. I wouldn't do that. I'm delighted, too.

As for me, I'm doing fine. I made the change from being a pastor's wife to just "a people" just fine. I'm sure the reason is that I had such a long time to get accustomed to the idea before I went through the experience. I loved being a pastor's wife because so many people were so nice to me, but I must admit I enjoy being just a plain church member.

The Lord opened up a teaching position of my first choice, and the two younger boys and I head for Clinton each morning about 7:10. I guess all that is lacking for me right now is an old two-story house. I want one so that I can become a famous writer when I grow up. Most all famous writers have two-story houses, you know.

Meanwhile, until my two-story house comes along, I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing at this particular time—helping James do God's will and helping the boys get themselves ready to do God's will for them. Being a famous writer in a two-story house runs, a poor second to that, after all.

Thanks for the point of personal privilege from this back side of the ironing board.—Address: Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

waves of heart-warming pleasure. It was an excellent illustration of what one person can do in touching others in good faith. I hope that the story can be put into tract form.

I liked the Scrapbook, "Christian Receivers," and as always my wife and I enjoy Wilda Fancher. It was inspiring to read of the Baptist church in Houston that baptized 1,669 persons this year. The giving of the Southern Baptists is great, also by sending out missionaries. Sad news of those 21 evangelists who drowned in the flood in India.

May the hand of the Lord be upon you this coming year so that you will continually inspire the Good News of God's love and the saving power in and through Jesus Christ. (Rev.) Alfred Holmgren, 310 Cove Road, Wildwood, Ill. 60030

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# Literacy Missions Now Mushrooming

By Sandy Simmons

ATLANTA (BP)—Literacy missions spreading the gospel by teaching people to read and write are mushrooming rapidly among Southern Baptist churches.

That is the firm opinion of Mildred Blankenship, assistant secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of Christian social ministries.

"Literacy work is growing rapidly, like leavening," she said. "Someone starts a little literacy work, and suddenly, it mushrooms. I would say we have literacy work going on in every Baptist state convention."

More than 50 literacy workers met here recently for a three-day conference. Representatives from 21 states, including Alaska, attended the conference hosted by the SBC Home Mission Board here.

Mrs. Wanda Eckerberger of Houston, a worker in the literacy program at First Baptist Church of Houston, was among those attending the conference, explaining the program in her own church.

Houston's First Baptist Church has

a program for internationals called the "Friends" program, involving more than 65 students and 40 teachers.

The literacy program, with non-readers is not so extensive, Mrs. Eckerberger said, but she personally teaches are 15-year-old boy who is unable to read or write during the church's Sunday School hour.

Work with internationals is more common among Southern Baptist churches active in literacy programs than work with non-readers, recent trends indicate.

This is partly due to the fact that most work with internationals can be done in small classes teaching conversational English, or American citizenship, while work with the non-reader requires a one-to-one relationship. Most internationals are educated in their own language, while the non-reader often must be assured that he can learn to read from scratch.

"My fear," said Mrs. Eckerberger, "is that we will become so involved in work with the internationals that we will neglect the non-reader."

First Baptist Church in Houston has a street ministry that increases the size of its non-reader program. "Many times men come in and we find out that they can't read," said Mrs. Eckerberger. "We try to help them understand that they can learn."

In Orlando, Fla., Mrs. Gayle Leininger works with 20 nationalities at the First Baptist Church of that city. Out of more than 90 students, more than 80% are Cubans. Most of the South American countries are represented. Other nationalities are Oriental and European.

The classes are graded, including a citizenship class for those ready to receive American citizenship. For advanced students, American history courses are offered.

Mrs. Lillian Isaacs, the woman largely responsible for involving the SBC Home Mission Board in literacy missions, boasts proudly that the church in Anchorage, Alaska, where she and her husband serve, has probably the oldest literacy student in the convention. The student, a native Eskimo, is 112 years old. She is affectionately called Grandma Tucker.

## Three Baptist Churches Side-By-Side

SANDY CREEK, N.C.—In 1755 the Rev. Shubael Stearns established a Baptist church on the banks of Sandy Creek in North Carolina. The church grew quickly from 16 members to more than 600. It reached out into surrounding communities to establish branch churches. And the branches often sent out other branches before they could get a minister ordained themselves. All told, the

original congregation produced 125 ministers and 42 other churches in 17 years. But in later years the Sandy Creek church divided and today two churches exist, one on each side of the old building. Both congregations today are friendly to each other but do not unite because of differences in doctrinal beliefs. (RNS Photo)

# Some Personal And Denominational Objectives I Would Like To See Reached

By Porter Routh

Delivered at Executive Committee, Nashville, Sept. 21, 1971

In the 20 years which have quickly passed since September 12, 1951, when the Executive Committee elected me as executive secretary-treasurer I have never made a formal "speech" in one of the regular meetings. I have been asked, but I have not felt that was the best use of time. Tonight, I am going to level with you—in reviewing the agenda with Mr. Cooper, I suggested I be listed for an address—and he risked approval of the suggestion.

I have a purpose. Growing out of 35 years of denominational experience, I want to share some deep convictions about the nature of our fellowship, the processes and procedures of our cooperative work, and our goals for the future. This is no statement from any point of elevation. This is a deeply personal expression of concern.

Foundational is my personal faith in Jesus Christ. Nurtured in a Christian home, taught by Christian teachers in Sunday School, there came a time as a 14 year old boy when I saw the enormity of my sins, and surrendered my life to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Many times since that day, I have failed to live up to His demands, but he has been my guiding star. He has been my way. He is my Saviour. I want, in my best moments, which I must confess come too seldom, for Him to be my Lord. I want to introduce him to others.

The Southern Baptist Convention to some degree was organized on the basis of a sociological and ecclesiological misunderstanding. The sociological base was the institution of slavery. The ecclesiological base was the documented fact that the executive committee of the Foreign Mission Society in Boston had gone beyond their rights and powers as approved by the parent body. Slavery, thank God, has been disapproved as an institution. We have confessed our sin of having a part in its maintenance. We have purposed in our hearts that we would seek to remove its vestiges from our midst. Some of the ecclesiological misunderstandings are still with us. Problems between the agencies and the parent body still remain.

Historically, the first constitution adopted in 1845 stated that boards of managers should be elected and "to each Board shall be committed, during the recess of the Convention, the entire management of all the affairs relating to the object with whose interest it shall be charged, all which management shall be in strict accordance with the constitutional provisions adopted by this Convention, and such other instructions as may be given from time to time."

In the "address" to the churches which accompanied the report of the meeting, William Bullfinch Johnson wrote that the Constitution adopted in Augusta was "precisely that of the original union" and pleaded that the rupture had come about only because the acting Board of the Convention at Boston was guilty of "an usurpation of ecclesiastical power quite foreign to our polity."

There were as many as 500 messengers only once in the first 20 years of the Southern Baptist Convention and the number did not go over 1,000 until 80 years of history had passed. The basic principles and the dynamic of the polity was that the messengers from the churches assembled "for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intention of our constitution by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining and directing the energies

of the whole denomination in one sacred effort, for the propagation of the Gospel."

In the Statement on Baptist Ideals which was prepared by a select committee under the leadership of Ralph A. Herring in connection with the Baptist Jubilee Advance it was stated "The work of our churches and of our denomination needs frequent re-evaluation to prevent the sterility of traditionalism. This is particularly true in the area of methods, but it also applies to historic principles and practices as they relate to contemporary life. This means that our churches and denominational institutions and agencies should defend and protect the right of our people to question and to criticize constructively."

Dr. Herring and his cohorts were not saying, I believe, that we have to change our principles but we need to take a close look at the way these principles are applied in contemporary situations.

Organization charts show that the agencies and the Convention are directed on the broad base of the expressed will of the churches. All of us make this statement in our speeches, but the facts are that there are usually messengers from only 20 to 25 percent of the churches which qualify to send messengers. Usually, less than 20% of the pastors are present at a given convention. The rank and file church members present at any convention is almost infinitesimal. When you add the regional aspects of any given convention to the picture, you will know that the broad base is somewhat an illusion.

Two separate committees have made a study of this problem of representation in the past half dozen years, and have not been able to discover any major adjustments which have wide support. Thus, we operate on the assumption that the messengers assembled do represent a substantial and trustworthy sample of the total membership. We balance this sample with a more representative board to which we usually assign decision making for the broad policies which control our agencies. We further provide that changes to the constitution must be approved by two consecutive conventions.

Whether the composition of a given convention really represents all of the churches may be open to academic discussion and question in any given year, but the principle that the agencies in name are agents in fact is not open to question. Whatever your concept of the relationship of the churches, the agencies exist primarily to serve the Convention and the churches. This holds true, whether or not an agency receives Cooperative Program funds, and until such time as the Convention authorizes the charter to be amended terminating this relationship.

A vote of the majority, a minority, or even a unanimous vote does not necessarily mean an assurance of the will or blessings of God. But voting, within prescribed limits, and we pray, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, is the only way we have under our policy to express our concerns and clarify our objectives.

Finally, tonight, I want to state as clearly and precisely as I know how some personal and denominational objectives I would like to see reached. As Dr. Alvin Toffler points out in "Future Shock", we are moving quickly toward the "convergence of transience, novelty, and diversity." We are facing a crisis of adaptation when one has to compress the dreams of a century into a decade.

"It is," Dr. Toffler states, "as though NASA had shot Armstrong and Aldrin naked into the cosmos."

How does one prepare for the shock of present and future change? This is one of the problems we have faced. I do not know if we have yet found the answer.

In recent months, Southern Baptists have spent great chunks of time and significant agency resources, both financial and human, in looking at the general trends in the world affecting the work of the churches and in evaluating the critical issues which are faced in the local churches today. All of this was studied by a multitude of committees and work groups to establish a 1973-1979 emphasis plan, replete with purpose, objectives, and themes. This was all heaped on top of the 1969-73 goals for action and served to the Convention where it met a waiting and hearty response. This involvement of the "grass roots" has been essential and helpful, but the needed actions are still ahead.

In the development of program budgeting, it is our hope and prayer that we and move we may report to the Convention on what we plan to do to serve the churches—and to serve Christ—rather than a mere recital of events which have taken place on a recent journey. All of us are challenged more by the opportunities of the future than the record of the past. This is not to imply that we should not look at the record and evaluate past performance, but it is to open the door to the excitement of the future. The Convention must be concerned with the making of plans as well as the review of performance. The dream must be shared before the actions are started so we can all move together.

1. The first objective I want to mention tonight is the completed development of a process which will make it possible for the Convention to enter into the planning to a greater degree than ever before. If we exist to serve the churches, as we say we do—and as I believe we do, then we must develop a better way for the messengers

from the churches to articulate their felt needs and their heart felt desires. We need a better way for the heart beat to be translated into the hand shake. We need a better way for compassion to become compulsion.

2. The second objective, the second dream I want to mention is related to the first. I speak of a better development of coordinated planning, promotion, and action on the part of associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention. Some work is being done in this direction. I recognize that one of the significant values of the relationship between Baptist general bodies has been the ability to be creative and innovative in meeting particular needs in particular places. We need to retain the best elements of diversity, but at the same time there are some things we can do together more effectively if we are willing to forego our very human pride for the benefit of our compelling overriding objective. We need a dynamic plan of cooperative action as we have had a dynamic plan of cooperative giving for missionary outreach.

3. The third dream I mention is the deep concern for a more adequate theological base in our planning, in our actions, and in our relationships. Evangelism and social concern not solidly based on a sound theological foundation is superficial and ultimately counterproductive. We must be concerned about the nature of God if we are to manifest the meaningful concern in the nature and destiny of man. Bridge building with layman and clergy, church and the young people, ins and outs, black and whites, must find strength and direction in theological convictions. This gives us motivation and depth to Bible study, and missionary compassion.

4. The fourth dream I mention is the renewal of a sense of mission in all that we seek to do. Mission is not something that starts at the ocean's edge, the state's edge, the associa-

## Two Recreation Labs Scheduled in 1972

NASHVILLE — Two church recreation labs will be sponsored by the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in 1972, according to Ray Conner, secretary, church recreation department.

The first lab will be Jan 5-12 at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, Eustis, Fla.

Windermere Baptist Assembly in Roach, Mo. will be the setting for the second lab, April 20-26.

Limited registration will be the policy at both labs.

Interested persons should write Larry Haslam, church recreation department for registration blanks and information. A \$10 fee should accompany each registration. The fee will be applied toward the total cost of \$75 for the labs.

## FMB's Annual Report Named One Of 50 'Best Designed'

The SBC Foreign Mission Board has "one of the 50 best-designed annual reports of 1970," according to *Print* magazine.

Ed F. Paxton, artist-designer in the board's graphic arts office, was notified by the editor of *Print* that the board's report was being recognized for its design.

*Print*, a trade magazine published in New York City for art directors and designers in the graphic arts industry, will include a sampling of Paxton's design for the board report in its 1972 review of annual reports.

In other competition, Paxton's cover for the manual distributed to Foreign Mission Board members was one of 61 entries accepted for inclusion in the Virginia Museum's Richmond exhibition, "Virginia Designers 1972."

## January Make Your Will Month

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## Escatawpa To Celebrate Pastor's 17th Anniversary

A two-fold event taking place at Escatawpa Church on January 16 will be the celebration of Rev. Ralph H. Young's 17th year as pastor of this church and homecoming for former members as well as former pastors.

Plans for the day include dinner on the grounds and brief messages after lunch by Dr. James Taylor, Rev. Van Windham, Rev. Curtis Miller and Rev. Harry Gaston, all former pastors at Escatawpa. The night service will be conducted by Rev. D. M. Campbell of South Carolina, another former pastor. Mr. Young will conduct the morning service.

Since Rev. Ralph Young became pastor of this church there has been addition of a new educational building, a new sanctuary and completion of a new parsonage expected by the end of January.

The church grew in such number that in January 1963 Don Cawthon was hired as part time minister of music. Upon his graduation from the seminary he became fulltime minister of music and now has four active singing choirs. He also gives private weekly voice and piano lessons to members of these choirs.

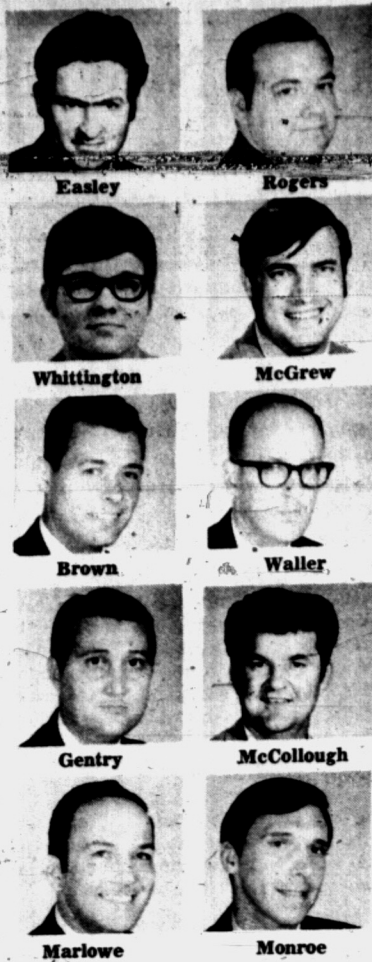
Pastor Young invites all former members to the day's special activities.

### Moves To Louisiana

Rev. Tom D. Sumrall, pastor of Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, for the past four years, has resigned to accept the pastorage of Glen Oaks Church, Baton Rouge, La.

The church has experienced growth during this ministry, with 251 additions to the church, 102 by baptism. Among programs added to the church's outreach ministry has been the beginning of a coffee house for young people. Named the "Fiery Furnace," the ministry has been in operation for a year. A bus ministry is presently being organized.

Mr. Sumrall has been active in denominational and civic affairs, serving as chairman of evangelism of Jones County Association and as a member of the Holding Board of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, East-Central Center. He is current president of the Jones County Ministerial Association. His wife is president of Women's Missionary Union of Jones County Association.



## Mississippians Earn Degrees In New Orleans

The following persons with Mississippi connections received degrees from New Orleans Seminary in commencement exercises December 17: **Master of Religious Education:** Buford Easley, Houlika; Jerrell Rogers, Jackson, minister of music and youth, Daniel Memorial Church; Reid Whittington, Jackson; **Specialist in Education degree:** Roger McGrew, Vossburg, pastor, Hepzibah Church; **Master of Theology-Honors Program:** Paul Leslie Brown, pastor, First Church, McLain; Tommy Allen Odom, pastor, Olive Church, Lumberton (photo not available); Alvin Waller, Yazoo City; **Master of Theology degree:** William Don Gentry, pastor, O'Zion Church, Meadville; Lilbourne McCollough, Hattiesburg; Tommy Marlowe, pastor, Philadelphia Church, Wesson; Thomas J. Monroe, pastor, Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia.

## Rev. Leon Emery Loses Mother

Mrs. Minnie Emery, mother of Rev. Leon Emery, associate in Cooperative Missions Department, died Dec. 24 and was buried Dec. 25.

Mrs. Emery lived near Landrum, S. C., and had suffered a heart attack about three months ago.

There were four other children survivors in addition to Mr. Emery.

## Poland's Baptists To Build Church

ZURICH (RNS)—A Baptist church in Bialystok, Poland, will be built through donations sent to the Baptist World Alliance from congregations throughout the world.

The congregation will be located in a housing development, according to C. Ronald Goulding, executive secretary of the European Baptist Federation. There has been no Baptist church building in Bialystok since World War II. The congregation now meets in a condemned building downtown.

The Baptist World Alliance publicized the need of the Polish church and \$27,000, the amount required to supplement local funds, was donated by Baptists in many lands.

## Presher Returns From Trip To Holy Land

Rev. Wilson Presher, pastor of Corinth Church, Pearl River County, has returned from a ten-day tour of the Holy Land and a ten-day visit with his father in Waverly, New York. The Baptist Men of Corinth Church gave him the all-expense paid trip, and the ladies of the church presented him with a new wardrobe.

Mr. Presher began the trip by traveling to New York where he visited members of his family, some of whom he had not seen for 22 years. He then joined a tour group led by Rev. T. W. Cox of Birmingham, Ala. The group toured Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Tiberias, Nazareth, and Haifa in Israel, and Athens and Corinth in Greece.

Several worship services were held during the trip. Mr. Presher brought a message on I Corinthians 13 at the forum where Paul preached in Corinth.

## Singing Churchmen To Sing At Evangelism Meet

The Mississippi Singing Churchmen will sing for the State Evangelistic Conference on Monday night, February 7, First Church, Gulfport. Rehearsal for the group is scheduled at 3:00 that afternoon in the choir room of the church. Uniform for performance will be white trousers, and long-sleeved navy shirts. The ties will be furnished by the Church Music Department.

An official picture of the group will be made following the rehearsal on Monday.

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## Names In The News

Rev. J. S. McKay, who was recently separated from the Air Force after ten years in an administrative-personnel manager job, is now seeking a church staff position. Following graduation from Southern Seminary, he was pastor of a pioneer area church until recalled into the Air Force. He and his wife have two daughters, ages two and four. Mr. McKay feels that he could serve as church administrator; assistant pastor with responsibilities in visitation, counseling, or activities; or in religious education. He may be contacted at Route 1, Smithdale, Miss. 39664 (telephone 601-384-2580) or c/o Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Meadville, Ms.



Mrs. Hugh Furr, right, of Arcola Church, Washington County, is shown receiving her 15-year perfect attendance Sunday School pin from Sunday School director Jimmy Bowman. Mrs. Furr teaches the 7 and 8-year-olds in Sunday School. During the 15-year period, she attended Sunday School once in Hawaii and once in West End Bahamas. Rev. Cecil Mulloy is pastor at Arcola.

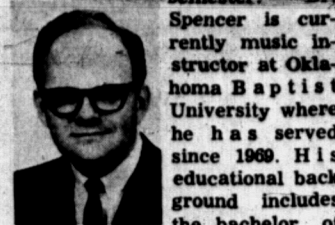
At the recent annual session of the Calhoun County Association, Phillip Caples of Vardaman, ministerial student, Blue Mountain College, was awarded his home county's ministerial scholarship. Mr. Caples is married to the former Judy Brown of Bruce. Both are members of the BMC junior class. He is the son of the Rev. J. D. Caples of Derna.

Rev. Scott Walters was ordained to the ministry recently at the Edon Church, Jasper County. He has been called to serve as pastor of Ted Church, Smith County. He is a graduate of William Carey College. Mrs. Walters, the former Mary Lightsey, a graduate of Carey, is currently teaching school at Taylorsville. Dr. W. E. Green, associational missionary for Jasper Association, gave the charge to the church; Rev. Russell Cottingham of Highland in Crystal Springs gave the charge to the candidate; Rev. Robert E. Self, pastor of Emmanuel, Biloxi, brought the ordination sermon.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Schooler, missionaries on emergency leave from Okinawa, may now be addressed at 608 N. Court St., Louisville, Miss. 39339. Schooler is a native of Winston County, Miss.

Miss Margaret Fairburn, missionary who has completed furlough in the States, was scheduled to arrive Dec. 28 in Liberia (address: P. O. Box 1778, Monrovia, Liberia). She is a native of Tylertown, Miss.

Dr. Robert L. Spencer has been named chairman and associate professor of the department of music at East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, effective with the start of the spring semester.



Dr. Spencer is currently music instructor at Oklahoma Baptist University where he has served since 1969. His educational background includes the bachelor of music degree in church music from Mississippi College, the master of arts degree in music and music education from Teachers College of Columbia University, and the doctor of education degree in college teaching and music from North Texas State University. A native of Mississippi and a graduate of Terry, Miss. High School, his teaching experience includes service at Mississippi College, North Texas State University, and Oklahoma Baptist University. Dr. Spencer is a base-baritone soloist and was selected as a finalist in the Southwestern Metropolitan Opera auditions in San Antonio in 1969. He is married to the former Peggy Harrell and is the father of a one-year-old daughter. They will make their home at 4305 Idylwild, Marshall, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Nabors, missionary appointees to Gaza, have completed orientation at Pine Mountain, Ga., and may be addressed c/o F. W. Nabors, Smithville, Miss. 38770. Nabors is a native of Smithville. Before their appointment last August, he was business manager of Gilmore Memorial Hospital, Amory.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Roaten, missionaries who have completed a year of language study in Costa Rica, were scheduled to depart Dec. 15 for their first term of service in Uruguay (address: 19 de Abril 3532, Montevideo, Uruguay). A Mississippian, Roaten was born in Tupelo and reared in Houlika.

Mathiston Church, Mathiston, has ordained Hugh Bland, pictured, to the gospel ministry. Mr. Bland is a junior at Mississippi State majoring in speech. He plans to enter New Orleans Seminary. He has been called to the Hebron Church, Eupora. Rev. Cecil Clegg is pastor at Mathiston.

Dr. Grady C. Cothen was guest speaker for the annual Spiritual Emphasis Week, at Carey College January 11-12. Dr. Cothen, the president of the New Orleans Seminary, spoke three times during formal chapel exercises and was also presented to the students in informal dialogue sessions. Under the direction of Dr. Jerry Oswalt, chaplain of the college and BSU secretary, the program included involvement of large numbers of students and faculty in the planning and execution of the special event.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Rankin, missionaries on furlough from Hong Kong, may now be addressed c/o William G. Ridgeway, 115 N. Ninth St., Arkon, Pa. 17501. He is a native of Sandy Hook, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ray, missionary associates who have completed orientation at Pine Mountain, Ga., were scheduled to depart January 8 for Singapore. However, their departure was delayed due to visa difficulties, and they expect to be in the States for at least several more weeks. Their address during the interval will be 117 Oak Drive, Route 3, Brandon (telephone 825-2491).



On January 2, members of Salem Church near Raymond heard as guest preacher Rev. Edward B. Trott, missionary to North Brazil, now on furlough in Mississippi. The Crusader Chapter of the Royal Ambassadors at Salem was honored to have their namesake speaking. The Crusaders chose Mr. Trott's name to be the name of their Chapter last June, never dreaming that he would ever be able to speak at their church. On this day, as thousands of people prayed for this missionary, because it was his birthday, Salem had the pleasure of presenting to him a birthday cake and the Royal Ambassadors sang "Happy Birthday" for him. Rev. Riley N. Bomar, pastor at Salem for one year on Jan. 3, closed the service with a special prayer for all missionaries. The church's Lottie Moon Offering went well over the goal. Picture above are Missionary Trott, Pastor Bomar, and Crusader RA, Guy Robert McWilliams.



William Carey College has been the recipient recently of the entire library of Ben Arthur Davis, above, outstanding horticulturist of Meridian. Mr. Davis, an author and scholar, has stated in his will that his library is to go to Carey to assist in its growing science emphasis. Recently Mr. Davis was honored in Meridian for his outstanding contributions to life about him.

Rev. E. P. Baldwin has resigned as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Church, Ringgold, Georgia after more than two years, to accept the pastorage of Shiloh Church, Corinth, in Alcorn County. He has also pastored in Tennessee and Ohio. He attended Harrison Chilhowee, Union University, Mercy University and Seminary Extension.

Rev. W. R. Harrelson was recently ordained to the ministry by the Longview Church, Oktibeha County. He had been called to the pastorage of Singleton Church, Winston County, and his ordination was requested by the Singleton Church. Rev. Bill Stroud is pastor at Longview.

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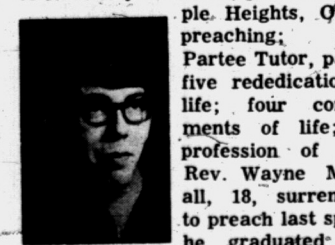
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## RESULTS REVIVAL

Shiloh (Lafayette): November 25-28; Rev. Wayne Marshall, pictured, son of Rev. Roy Marshall, pastor of Temple Heights, Oxford, preaching; Rev. Pardee Tutor, pastor; five rededications of life; four commitments of life; one profession of faith.



Rev. Wayne Marshall, 18, surrendered to preach last spring; he graduated from high school in New Albany, and is now enrolled at Ole Miss. His home address is 108 Warren St., Oxford, Ms., 38655 (phone 234-2676).

Southern Baptist missionaries are now working in eight Vietnamese cities since the Robert C. Davis family returned from furlough and moved to Hue. This city of about 137,000 people lies 700 miles north of Saigon and 50 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone.

## Revival Dates

Star: January 16-21; Bible Study Revival, concentrating on the book of Job; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, director, Christian Action Commission, evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City, musicians; services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. A. J. Pace, pastor.

Antioch, ten miles south of Florence: January 20-23; night services only; Rev. George Laverne Lewis, new pastor, preaching.

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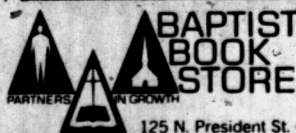
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The Pearl Baptist Church issued \$280,000 in bonds to build an auditorium and additional education space. These bonds were presented for sale to the people of the church Jan. 4, 1972. SALES ON THE FIRST NIGHT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP WERE \$111,950. The balance of the issue was sold with the help of Church Building and Savings Assn. by Friday 1-7-72.



# Jesus' Compassion Finds Expression In A Ministry Of Healing

**By Clifton J. Allen**  
**Luke 1:1-4; 1:11-13; 9:1-2, 10:1-2**  
 The compassion of Jesus reached out toward all people. He was concerned for the health of the whole man — body, mind, and spirit. His compassion found special expression in a ministry of healing. As we continue this series of studies from the Gospel of Luke, we see more and more clearly the full portrait of Jesus: man of prayer, healer of disease, teacher of righteousness, preacher of the good news of the kingdom of God, and Son of God with power to forgive sins and to raise the dead. The power of God flowed out through him to heal and to save.

The Lesson Explained

**A RULER'S DAUGHTER RESTORED TO LIFE (vv. 40-42, 43-45)**  
 The account of this incident is interrupted by the account of Jesus' healing a woman with a flow of blood, but it is desirable to consider together the whole story of the restoring to life of the daughter of Jairus. The story really focuses more on the father than on the daughter. He was the ruler or president of the synagogue. Thus he was prominent, occupying a position of trust and honor and influence. Jairus came to Jesus in desperate need, appealing for help for his daughter. As Jesus started with Jairus, a messenger came with the news that the daughter had died; hence there was no use to trouble Jesus further. Jairus might have agreed but for Jesus challenge not to have fear but to believe, with assurance that the daughter would be well.

The scene at the house was one of weeping and wailing, professional mourners according to custom expressing reaction to the girl's death. They even laughed with scorn at Jesus' word that there was no cause to weep, for she was not dead but sleeping. Allowing only the presence of Peter and James and John, and the mother and father, Jesus took her by the hand and raised her to life, instructing that food be given to her—first because of her need for strength but especially to confirm the reality of her being alive and well. The story is simple enough; the amazing thing was the exercise of supernatural power, power to make well, power to raise from the dead, the power of God to meet the deepest need of man. **A WOMAN MADE WELL (vv. 43-48)**  
 This story is an inspiring example of how Jesus turned an interruption into a wonderful miracle of compassion.

He helped a woman in great distress because of a flow of blood which had continued for twelve years—in spite of her having spent all she had on the care of doctors (as we learn from Mark), no one being able to help her—made her way through the crowd and touched the fringe of Jesus' garment. What she did was a daring act of faith. Because of her condition, she was ceremonially unclean, according to the law; she was excluded from society, like a leper or one who had been in contact with the dead. Her faith and her need made her bold but not obtrusive. Immediately her flow of blood was stopped. Jesus knew that power had gone out from him. When he asked who had touched him, Peter protested, saying that the whole crowd was pressing on him. But Jesus insisted, and the woman came with trembling to fall down before him, tell what she had done, and declare her assurance that she was healed. Why did Jesus call her out to identify herself? Perhaps to make obvious the fact of the miracle that had taken place, thus restoring her to the right of social contact, but, more important to bestow on her a greater blessing: "Daughter, . . . thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace." In the eyes of the crowd, she had been ostracized, like a sinner. But faith brought healing which meant cleansing as well as health, and, we may rightly believe, salvation.

**Truths to Live By**  
 No one is lost in the crowd with Jesus. — We live in a world of crowds. But with Jesus no one is lost in the crowd. It is impossible to hide, to escape from his presence, and to avoid the necessity for encounter with him. This fact ought to be an imperative call to repentance and to confession now. There are millions of sick persons, but every one is known unto Jesus. Likewise, he knows every person who is tempted, every one who is stricken with grief, every one who is lonely, every one who suffers injustice, and every one who is loaded with heavy burdens of Christian responsibility and personal obligation. The strength and encouragement of the living Christ are available to every such person because he knows every aching heart and every broken life; and he would have every person to reach out toward him for comfort and help.

**Faith can claim the power of Christ.** — "All things are possible to him that believeth." This does not mean that we can make demands of God to satisfy self-interest. Such an attitude is completely out of keeping with the nature of faith. Instead, faith is trust in God through Christ with surrender to his will, with confidence in his unlimited mercy, and with daring boldness to claim the power of Christ in doing whatever will please him. This of course means that faith can claim his power to overcome evil, to practice love, to endure hardship, to witness to the truth about Christ, and to serve others in his name.

Pure religion is concern for the sick. — This is not all that religion includes. But it is a vital evidence that one is a true follower of Christ. A person who shows the spirit of Christ in compassionate ministry toward persons in distress manifests to the world the religion of love, the religion of Jesus Christ, the religion by which one is redeemed from the bondage of evil and self-interest and changed into a new person possessed by love for God and for fellowman.

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## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Counting The Cost Of Joining The Kingdom Movement

**Luke 14:1-35**  
**By Bill Duncan**  
 How do you explain the fact that many who have so called joined the Kingdom movement but now have dropped out of its ranks? Could it be that they failed to count the cost before they joined?

There are a lot of contractors that are no longer in the business because they were not good estimators. Some did not consider circumstances that could be costly. Some refused to consider the increasing cost of materials. Some just did not count the cost properly. As a result they could not continue to lose money. There is a house standing empty because the builders started out without enough money to complete the project. They only lack a few thou-

sand dollars but these are the things that make the house livable. This is poor planning on the part of somebody. There are some people who have just enough religion to make them miserable. They do not plan to give their all to Christ when they started. Therefore what they have will never satisfy. People have to go all the way with Christ to be a productive, happy disciple. We realize from reading the New Testament that Jesus did not encourage casual, flippant, convenient discipleship. When Jesus spoke to the multitudes they were shocked and pleased with what he said. Many saw the miracles like the feeding of the 5000 and wanted to follow him for what they could get. But when they heard him explain the cost of discipleship (John 6:66), they murmured at his hard saying and refused to follow. The crowds followed Jesus thinking that he represented their dream of a

life of peace and ease. But he made the greatest demands of anyone who ever lived. Today one of the greatest dangers we face in America is that the Christian cause is popular. Some think to be a member of the church is the fashionable thing to do. But the vast number of unenlisted members in the work of the church shows the real problem. These inactive members are really the shame, failure and defeat of the church. There should not be an attempt to follow Christ unless one is willing to count the cost. **The Messianic Banquet**  
**Luke 14:15-24**  
 The story is told by Jesus of a feast that had been announced long beforehand, and the invitations were sent out and accepted. The hour was not announced. When the day came and the feast was ready, the servants were sent out to summons the already invited guest. To accept the invitation beforehand and then refuse it when

the day came was a grave and serious insult. In the story the host stands for God. The originally invited guests stand for the Jews. Throughout the Old Testament, they had looked forward to the day when God would send the Messiah. When He did, they refused the invitation. So the invitation was extended to everyone, including Gentiles. The parable was a treat to the Jews who were refusing God's invitation. It speaks of the wonderful opportunity for the Gentiles. It speaks of tragedy that some would refuse God's gift. Their excuses were so thoughtless. Nothing in all the world is as important as the Kingdom of God. The excuses for not accepting the invitation are shallow, as some are today. The first allowed the claims of business to take first place over the claims of God's Kingdom. In our day many a man has become so tied up with the things of the world that he

does not have time to worship or pray daily to God. (2) The second excuse deals with the claims of novelty which overshadow the claims of Christ. Sometimes a hobby or a new luxury will be so time-consuming that God is crowded out of the life. (3) The third excuse about marriage speaks about the tragedy that good things can crowd the claims out of life. One's family and home are very important, but one should never forget that he is a member of the family of God. **The Cost of Discipleship**  
**Luke 14:25-33**  
 It is the Christian's first duty to count the cost of following Christ. Before one hastily decides to follow Christ he needs to count the cost of his decision. A man should be aware of the demands of discipleship before embarking on a Christian life. What does it cost to be a Christian disciple? John H. McManahan suggests in his book **A Call to Contemporary Discipleship** three things. (1) The cost of discipleship is "the price of your past loyalties," loyalty which supersedes any other loyalty a person has ever known. To put God first in one's life is to establish a scale of priorities which places every relationship in its proper perspective. All the past loyalties are either transformed or superseded when evaluated. Christ said loyalty to God takes priority over every facet of existence — even family. (2) The cost of discipleship is the price of your future securities. Christ did not promise an easy life. There is a real element of uncertainty and insecurity in the life of faith. It is hard to see but there is an element of danger and promise inherent in the very nature of Christian discipleship. Jesus explained to the disciple the limited material resources available. (3) The cost of discipleship is the price of your present love. If one is to be a disciple of Christ he must love Christ more than self. He must even love others more than self. The disciple will have a respect for himself as a child of God, and he respects all other men as heroes of the image of God. The guiding rule for living is not "What will I do with my life?" but "What would Christ do with my life in the specific, concrete life situation which is now mine?"



**Southern Seminary Awards Degrees To Mississippians**  
 Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., granted 139 degrees, including eight to Mississippians, during its December 1971 graduation. Those Mississippians who received the degrees were, top row, left to right: Jan Eric Douglas (M.C.M.), Gulfport; Clemon Downs (M.C.M.), Pascagoula; Douglas F. Spires (M.Div.), Clinton; Thomas L. Tackett (M.Div.), Clinton; and bottom row, left to right: James Robert Williams (M.Div.), Grenada; Flavius Joseph May (M.Div.), Hattiesburg; Fred Gaddis Womack (M.Div.), Magee; E. Frank Tupper (Th.D.), Greenwood.

## New Release Date Set For Annuity Statements

**DALLAS** — Because of changing fiscal year dates, the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will wait until after Sept. 30, 1972 to issue its next statement of members' accounts. L. Taylor Daniel, senior vice-president and director of development for the board here, announced the new date. The SBC asked its agencies to change fiscal years to close Sept. 30 rather than Dec. 31. Membership statements show status of accounts at the close of the fiscal year. The Annuity Board issued its first unsolicited statement to all retirement plan participants last spring. The statement furnished over 20,000

participants information as of Dec. 31, 1970. The board indicated at the time of the first statement it wanted to furnish each member of retirement plans an annual statement of accounts. The second statement would have fallen due sometime after Dec. 31, 1971. Fiscal 1972 will be a short year, lasting only nine months. Daniel said the expense and time involved in preparing two statements within a single calendar year—after Dec. 31, and again after Sept. 30 — led to the decision to provide it only after Sept. 30. The statement shows each participant the size of his or her account in any of three plans, and projected yearly retirement benefits at age 65. The board will handle individual requests for statements at any time in case of urgent need, but can not process a large volume of requests at one time.

## 24 Churches Qualify For Merit Recognition

Twenty-four Mississippi Baptist Churches have qualified for Merit Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide during the first quarter of the church year 1971-72, according to Kermia S. King, Church Training Department Director. Of these twenty-four, six have also qualified for Advanced Recognition. For the entire year of 1970-71, fifty-two churches attained Merit Recognition. Since the last report in The Baptist Record, these churches have been added to the list of those achieving Advanced Recognition: First, Newton (Newton), Pastor, Rev. Hardy R. Denham; Director, Maury Gunter; North Corinth (Alcorn), Pastor, Rev. Jimmy Bryant, Director, Gene Mitchell; First, Hattiesburg (Lebanon) Pastor, Dr. Brooks Wester, Director, David Owen; First Columbia (Marion) Pastor, Dr. Howard Aultman, Director, M. J. Davis; First, Sardis, (Panola) Pastor, Rev. Roy McComb, Director, G. D. Stewart. Eight other churches have attained Merit Recognition: Springdale (Atala), Van Winkle (Hinds - Madison), Bethany (Jeff Davis), Zion, (Pontotoc), Meadowood (Monroe), First, Amory (Monroe), Southside (Monroe) First, Batesville (Panola).

## Duck Named PR Administrative Assistant For Alabama Baptists

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** (BP)—Robert M. Duck, acting director of public relations for the Alabama Baptist Convention Executive Board, was named administrative assistant in public relations for the convention board during its December meeting here. Duck has worked on the public relations staff for the convention since 1968.

## SBC Missionaries In Dacca Chose To Stay During War

**BANGKOK, Thailand (BP)** — According to letters delivered here by evacuees from East Pakistan, the Southern Baptist missionaries in Dacca declined to be evacuated in order to be near the Bengali Christians during the recent siege of the city by Indian forces. Missionary J. Howard Teel wrote that, although they were unable to be of much direct assistance to the Bengalis, their presence served as a symbolic witness.

Letters brought out by evacuees said that Teel and Dr. John D. Freeman, a physician regularly stationed here, were staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy C. Bennett. Freeman was caught by the outbreak of warfare while visiting in Dacca and was unable to leave. He registered with the Red Cross as a stand-by physician. The James E. McKinleys and Thomas E. Thurmans were staying together in a guest house adjoining the Bennett residence, located about a half mile from the Red Cross neutral zone around the Intercontinental Hotel.

## Harrisville Opens Recreation Center

In recent months Harrisville Church has continued to make progress. The church recently opened a Recreation Center with many games and activities. The State Mission offering was the largest on record; the church recently purchased pew cushions; an additional \$5,000 had been paid on the indebtedness of their pastorium; the Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal was reached the Sunday following the Week of Prayer, and the church has exceeded its goal; and the church presented the pastor a check for \$500 for a Christmas gift. The pastor, Rev. J. A. McCain, has been at Harrisville for six and one-half years.

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## Devotional

## Life's Greatest Opportunity

Acts 9:6

By Robert L. Hamblin, Pastor, Hamburg, Truett  
President, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

I have often thought that it would be a wonderful thing if there were some kind of built-in human mechanism which would begin to flash when a great opportunity comes to me. However, this is not the case. We must learn to be discerning about opportunities. Human reasoning is not always sufficient in revealing opportunities.

In the case before us in the word of God, a man found life's greatest opportunity. Saul was an important student in Rabbi Gamaliel's Seminary. It is a matter of biblical record that Saul was vehemently opposed to the Christian movement. He had received letters of recommendation which would make it possible for him to arrest Christians in Damascus and bring them back to Jerusalem. As he journeyed to Damascus, a great thing happened to him. God spoke directly to Saul, revealing the person of Jesus Christ to him as Savior. When Saul understood who spoke to him he said, "Lord, what will thou have me to do?" He recognized that Jesus was the Lord and committed himself in trust to him. This commanded a response on his part. A response of activity. The Lord answered and said, "Arise and go into the city and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

Paul recognized that an opportunity had presented itself to him that was greater than anything that had ever happened to him. His immediate response was to commit himself to this opportunity.

## I. Response To The Greatest Opportunity Requires A Demonstration of Faith

Paul was told to arise and go. He could not respond to his opportunity of a changed life unless he did arise and go. We have been saved by the grace of God, just as Paul had been saved by the grace of God. The greatest opportunity in life for us is to serve the Lord in obedience to him. We must also be willing to arise and go. God has something for every Christian to do.

If we are unwilling to take the first step, there can be no other steps. The Lord commanded the Church to evangelize the world. If we will not take the first step in witnessing at home we cannot evangelize the world. If we will not take the step of giving at home so that the gospel can be sent to the world, we certainly cannot evangelize the world. It is one thing to say we have faith. It is quite another to arise and go.

## II. God Will Open Doors of Opportunity

Paul was told that he was to arise and go into the city, and there it would be told him what he was to do. He was invited to respond through faith and then revelation would be made to him concerning the future of his life. God revealed to him that he was to be baptised and then that he was to reevaluate his theological position through study of the word, then he was to preach. Whenever he responded to the opportunity that God had given him, God revealed to him the scope of that opportunity. It would not be fair for us to intimate that Paul knew everything about his future life and ministry. He learned God's will step by step and day by day, but God's will was told to him.

If we are willing to do what God wants us to do, he opens the door of opportunity for us. He tells us what he wants us to do. Your life can be useful unto God because God will reveal to you the purpose that he has for your life if you are willing to do whatever he wants.

## III. God Will Bring Success

The result will be that you will find his greatest opportunity, and succeed in it. We must measure the life of the apostle Paul as a success. Surely we could find many times when Paul did fail, but God had a way of taking his failures and turning them into successes.

If we are willing to do what God wants us to do, God will add the measure of success to our lives. Whether we speak to individuals, or to churches, or to ourselves as a Baptist convention, the strength for success is in God. If I am willing to accept God's will, then I am willing to accept the greatest opportunity that life has for me. If my church is willing to serve in evangelism, God is willing to give success in the winning of the lost and offer to us the greatest opportunity. If we are willing together, as churches to

## Foundation Reports Record \$11.6 Million Trust Corpus

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Foundation ended its fiscal year with a record \$11,668,779 in its total trust corpus, the foundation's board of directors learned during their annual meeting here.

The agency also ended the year with a record income from collections and capital gains distributed of \$706,518, said Kendall Berry, executive secretary-treasurer of the foundation, in his annual report to the directors.

"Southern Baptist Foundation has had a moderate growth during 1971, despite the roller coaster action of the market," Berry told the board.

"There is every reason to believe that the worst has been experienced and the future holds more promise in the investment field than has been seen for the past couple of years," Berry said.

He observed that the nation seems to be on the verge of leading the world "into an era of prosperity that will benefit all mankind as the technology of modern man is shared in a Christ-like spirit of concern," and that the "Southern Baptist Foundation expects to be ready, able and willing to help usher in this new era."

Both Berry, and Mrs. E. W. Bess Jr., administrative assistant, pointed out to the board several areas of growth during the past year in their reports.

It was the best year ever in the number of wills written by the foundation to various Baptist causes, Mrs. Bess said.

The average rate of return on general fund investments was 6.01 per cent, only slightly less than the 6.02 record rate of return reported last year.

The greatest percentage of increase on return was shown in the foundation's annuity fund, with more than 25 per cent added, Berry reported.

## Keith Joins Lightfoot Evangelistic Group

DALLAS (BP)—Billy Keith, director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1968, has joined the A. B. Lightfoot Evangelistic Association as public relations consultant.

Keith, 37, will be headquartered in Dallas, where he will have primary responsibility for coordination of evangelistic crusade and revival meetings and preparation of evangelistic materials for use in local churches.

Previously, Keith was a Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, where he was pastor of a Japanese Baptist church, and director of radio and television programming for Baptists in Tokyo and on the Island of Hokkaido. He also edited the Japan Baptist News and was news director for the Japan Baptist New Life Movement, a nation-wide evangelistic effort co-sponsored by Texas Baptists in 1961.

Prayer cheers the heart and tears the brain.

The sunlight of love will kill all the germs of jealousy and hate.

## Called To Eastwood

Rev. R. A. (Bob) Bagley has accepted the pastorate of Eastwood Church, Indianola, moving there from Fort Worth, where he was a December graduate of Southwestern Seminary.



Native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Bagley is a graduate of Shorter College and has served as minister of music in Cartersville and Rome, Ga. He is married to the former Evelyn Williams of Atlanta and they have two

make whatever sacrifice God wants us to make to send the message of Christ around the entire world. God will bless us by giving us success beyond our ability to succeed.

We must be willing to accept the Lord at His word. He has saved us. The greatest opportunity that will ever come to our lives is to do His will. If we are willing to take the step of faith, obeying the Lord in total commitment, He will show us the way and add strength for our success in life's greatest opportunity.

## Oil Flows, Church Grows For Baptists In Ecuador

By Stanley D. Stamps

As I entered the Sunday morning worship service of First Baptist Church, Quito, Ecuador, my ears were caught off guard by the sound of "To God Be the Glory" being sung in English.

I had occupied the pulpit of this church a few years earlier as pastor of its Spanish-speaking congregation. Now the present pastor began making announcements in English.

The pastor, William P. May, is a fellow Southern Baptist missionary with the task of ministering to the capital city's growing English-speaking population, now estimated at over 3,000. May and his wife, Marilyn, are from Miami, Fla.

Most of the families in the congregation are North Americans connected with major oil companies, oil field service operations and pipeline companies. The church, constituted in February 1970 with 16 members, now has a membership of 44 and sometimes has an attendance of 70.

I was to see four added that morning. Mrs. Lewis Zeigler and two of her daughters, Teresa and Cindy, presented themselves for membership by transfer of letter from Woodland Acres Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla. Another daughter, Lisa, came upon profession of faith, the first such decision to be made in the life of this young church.

Not unlike many other men whose families were in the congregation, Lewis Zeigler was out on the job that morning. He works as a technician on the giant trans-Andean oil pipeline, which when completed sometime next year will pump 250,000 barrels daily from Ecuador's oil-rich eastern jungle regions to the Pacific terminal at Esmeraldas.

Quito's First Baptist, using the

## New Pastor At Bethany

Bethany Church, Potts Camp, a few months ago called Rev. James Larry Willard, pictured, as pastor.

This is Mr. Willard's first pastorate. He was ordained last May at Macedonia Church, now living near New Albany, and his wife, the former Sherry Lane, have a two-year-old son, Samuel Mark. Born in Memphis, Tenn., Mr. Willard graduated from West Union High School. He plans to attend Bible college at a later date. He served two years in the U. S. Army, stationed most of that time in Augsburg, Germany.



## First Mission Study In New Church

The Woman's Missionary Union of Rock Hill Church near Brandon held their first mission study, since occupying a new church building. Miss Emogene Harris, pictured above standing, native Rankin Countian, missionary to Nigeria now home on furlough, taught the study. "New Drums Over Africa."



## Youth Choir From Union Makes Tour

The Chamli Singers of First Church, Union made a two-day tour of the Mississippi Gulf Coast on December 22 and 23. Forty-nine young people and four adults traveled aboard the blue church bus, a small van, and one car. The group rendered the Christmas folk musical, "It's the Lord's Thing", at Calvary Church, Columbia and at Emmanuel Church, Biloxi. Drew LeBlanc, minister of music, directed the music. The singers went to Gulfport and did some Christmas shopping at Edgewater Plaza. After their performance in Biloxi, the church had a fellowship for the young people. The group then made their way home, arriving at 2:00 a.m. on Christmas Eve.



## Scholarship Trustees Meet At BMC

The Trustees of the Ann Brown Malott Scholarship Fund, sponsored by the Mississippi Seniors Golf Association, held a meeting on the Blue Mountain College campus recently. This scholarship program, which was established by the late Harry Malott of Meridian as a memorial to his wife, Ann Brown Malott, a BMC alumna, provides eight annual scholarships of \$500 each for Blue Mountain students. Special guests at lunch were this session's scholarship recipients.

Attending the luncheon was first row, left to right: Mrs. O. D. Bratton of Memphis; Mrs. Bob Parham

of Greenwood; Dr. E. Harold Fisher, President of the College; and Mrs. Frank McLendon of Quitman. Second row, left to right, Judy Caples of Vardaman, a junior; Jamie Reeder of Pontotoc, a senior; Mary Smith of Hiram, TN, a junior; Linda Nolan of Bruce, a freshman. Third row, left to right: Linda Conn of Macon, a senior; Cheryl Owen of Southaven, a sophomore; Norma Miller of Iuka, a freshman, Malott scholarship recipient. Back row, left to right: Bob Parham; O. D. Bratton; Frank McLendon; and Frank Smith of Jackson, all MSGA trustees.

## Off The Record

## What Else!

Little Jimmy: "I found a horseshoe this morning."

Mother: "Do you know what that means?"

Little Jimmy: "Yes. It means that some horse is running around in his stocking feet."

## Language Won't Change It

"We must change the status quo around here!" proclaimed the speaker loudly.

"What's the status quo?" whispered a woman to her husband beside her.

"That's Latin for the mess we're in," he explained.

## Costly Career

"I have decided to take up short-story writing as a career."

"Good! Have you sold anything yet?"

"Yes. My watch, my overcoat and my car."

—Pathfinder

## Cue from Grandpa

Little five-year-old Sheryl asked Grandma if she could take home some after dinner mints from the bowl on the coffee table. "Yes," said Grandma, "but leave a few for Grandpa, just in case he isn't well after his dinner and wants some."

Next day, Sheryl approached her mother, hand on her forehead, and appealed, "I have a headache, I better take a peppermint."

—Lillian Walton

## Hebron Calls Pastor

Rev. Ronie R. Huddleston has assumed duties as pastor of Hebron Church, Jones County, and is now living in the newly built parsonage.

Mr. Huddleston is a student at William Carey College, having graduated from Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Fla. He previously served as pastor at Orange Hill Church, Wausau, Fla.

He is a native of West Virginia and his wife is the former Geraldine Joan Beauvais of Worcester, Mass. They have two children, Lynda Marie, 4, and Ronie Jr., 5 months.



## New Pastorium Dedicated At Tillatoba

The new \$18,000 pastorium at Tillatoba Church was dedicated on November 14. The old pastorium was demolished by the tornado in February. The new home consists of three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a double carport. The pastor, Rev. A. M. Moore, III, and his family have moved into the debt-free home. Men on the Building Committee and seen in the picture are J. J. Craig, Harvey Darby, Wilmer McLendon, Ronald Ramage, and Ray Weir, and not in picture, Q. T. Edwards.

## "Dissident Baptist" In Plea To U Thant: Why Don't You Respond To Our Appeals?

New York (RNS) — A group of "Dissident Baptists" in the U. S. S. R. appealed to United Nations Secretary General U Thant to act in behalf of their leader, G. K. Kryuchkov, sought by Soviet police for his religious activities. "We have already several times appealed to you (on similar occasions) . . . and for some reason we have never received an answer," they wrote in an open letter to U Thant. "We want to know how you and the world public stand with regard to those who are persecuted for Christ." The letter was translated and published in the December issue of Religion in Communist Dominated Areas (RCDA), edited here by Dr. Paul B. Anderson and Dr. Blahoslav A. Hruby. It was signed by members of the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christian-Baptists (CCECB) in Uzlovaya, near Moscow.

The letter listed some members of the Baptist movement who had been tortured, some to death, in prison and others who are now "languishing in bonds" for their religious beliefs. "We appeal to you, U Thant," the statement said, "because we do not

want at some time to have to add to this tragic list the names of the remaining members of the Council of Churches also. We pray to God that he might give you wisdom to use every opportunity so that this illegality might be stopped." It was pointed out that the U. N. has never had an official meeting with members of the movement.

"The chief of police in Tulsa told Kryuchkov's wife that if they found him, and he tried to escape, he would be shot," the "Dissident Baptists" wrote. "There can be no doubt that they could easily provide such an ESCAPE ATTEMPT."

SARDINAL, Costa Rica — In a combined service here Dec. 8, the first Baptist congregation in the province of Guanacaste organized as a church, and David Guevara was ordained as first Baptist pastor in the province. The service climaxed years of intensive missionary efforts, according to Southern Baptist missionary L. Laverne Gregory.